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Nigeria denies cutting price

# **OPEC** talks before month-end ruled ou

LAGOS, Feb. 24 (R) — Authoritative oil sources in Nigeria said Wednesday that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is likely to meet before the end of March to discuss the effect of oil glut in the market on prices, but added there would be no meeting this mooth.

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The sources said Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates were trying to coordinate the positions of other OPEC members before calling any special meeting, to avoid useless acrimooy and a breakdown of OPEC's pricing structure. A meeting was likely in the secood or third week of March and Abu Dbabi or Geoeva were being considered as veoues, the sources said.

Authorized Kuwaiti sources also told Reuters Wednesday there would be no February meeting but did not exclude the possibility of a private OPEC meeting ahead of the talks scheduled in Quito, Ecuador, May 20. The sources in Nigeria also denied market rumors that Nigeria was out to cut its cootract oil price by \$2.50 a barrel but did oot deoy that some price reduction was being considered. It was absolutely untrue that Nigeria was discounting its oil, the sources added.

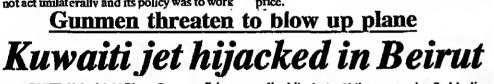
Western oil industry sources in Loodoo say several OPEC countries are discounting their oil to try to maintain sales in the prevailing glut and that Iran has cut prices outright by \$4 a barrel this month. These sources say there is also buyer pressure on Nigeria.

But the Lagos sources said Nigeria would not act unilaterally and its policy was to work within OPEC. They noted it was in the Nigerian interests not to undermine other members countries whose aim was to maintain curreo prices despite depressed world oil demand and oversupply from producers.

Nigerian oil industry figures for January showed output of 1.8 million barrels per day (BPD) and the sources said Nigeria would probably prefer to cut production rather than price. A senior oil industry source in Lagos said OPEC was being squeezed between an 11.3 perceot drop in world demand of more than 52 million BPD in 1979 to just over 46 million BPD in 1982, and an increase in production from non-OPEC countries of some 10.2 perceot over the same period.

The authoritative sources in Lagos coosidered the current oil crisis would be a problem for no longer than six mooths. Once refiners' stocks had been reduced, they said, the consumer countries would have to buy more crude oil. The issue facing Nigeria is whether it can retain the level of sales of its high quality light crude at the present price of \$36.5 a barrel in order to maintain its favorable balance of paymeots positioo.

Oil reveoues provide 90-95 percent of Nigerian foreign exchange earnings. Foreign reserves are estimated at about \$5 billion, equivalent to more that two months' imports. Industry sources consider Nigeria would be able to accept the drop in output that would result from maintaining current prices. as the 1982 budget was calculated on output of 1.3 million barrels daily at the present



BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (AP) — Gunmen firing automatic weapons dashed across the tarmac of Beirut International Airport on Wednesday and commandeered a Kuwaiti Airways 707 jetliner with 105 persons aboard shortly after it landed on a flight from Libya, witnes-

One of the hijackers, in a tape-recorded conversation with the air broadcast by the "Voice of Lebanon," said 12 heavily armed meo were aboard the plane and threatened to blow it up unless they were allowed to take off.

"We are the sons of Imam Moussa Sadr," the hijacker said in the taped cooversatioo. We want to take off at any price to an unknown destinatioo. We are 12 armed meo and we have explosives. Among the passcogers are diplomats and political personalities."

The hijacker added that "if we are oot permitted to take off we are threateoing to blow up the plane."

The hijacker referred to Shiite Muslim religious leader Moussa Sadr, who disappeared oo a visit to Libya in 1978. A half-dozen

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earlier hijacks by Shiites protesting Sadr's disappearance have occurred since 1979, including one last December in which 35 passengers were held for 52 hours before being released

Lebanese government sources said the hijackers demanded to be flown to Iran, but the Iranian government announced its airport mned" acts of sky piracy in principle.

About 7:15 p.m. local time (1715 GMT) an AP reporter saw about 20 Syrian troops arrive at the airport in combat gear aboard a troop truck. Passengers who bad been awaiting other flights were jammed in the departure lounge but the airport was sealed off and oo planes took off or landed.

An AP photographer said at about 6:50 p.m. local time (1650 GMT) the hijackers fired several sbots at the airport control tower but there was no injuries or damage. The shots were apparently fired after negotiators in the cootrol tower declined to talk further unless Lebanese Communist Party chief George Hawi was released from the plane.



STRIKERS BRUISED: Employees of the Auterit ra- track near Paris attempted to stage a strike on Tuesday during a race but were confronted by angry track patrons who were anxions to see the race go on. The strikers were pushed, clubbed and bruised and were unsucce essful in their attempt to obtain higher wages.

# Greenland's voting to quit a jolt for EEC

GODTHAAB, Greenland, Feb. 24 (R) -Greenland has voted to pull out of the European Economic Community (EEC) in a referendum that could have far-reaching cooseq-

uences for the world's biggest trading group. Jubilant acti-marketeers set off fireworks in the icy streets of Godthaab early Wednesday after voters in the Arctic island decided by a narrow margin that they wanted nothing more to do with what they regard as Brussels

bureaucracy. The vote in Tuesday's poll was 52 to 46 perceot in favor of Greenland becoming the first state or territory to withdraw from the EEC since its formation in 1957.

Jonathan Motzfeldt, chairman of the local parliament and head of the ruling anti-EEC Siumut (Social Democratic) Party flew to Copenhagen late Wednesday for talks with Danish Prime Minister Anker Joergensen. "Our parliament will oow discuss alterna-

tives to the present (EEC) status. After all, we bave a majority," he told reporters. Final results issued by the Greenland home rule administratioo showed that of 23,795

votes cast in the referendum, 12,615 voted "no" to cootinued EEC membership and 11,180 said "yes." The turnout was 75 per-Greenland, the world's biggest island cov-

ering 2.2 millioo square km (850,000 square miles), more than twice as large as the rest of the 10-oatioo EEC put together, was carried reluctantly into the Common Market by Denmark in 1973. But the Greeolanders woo bome rule from Denmark in 1979 and the Siumut Party has

repeatedly said it would pull out of the community if the majority of voters wanted to EEC commission officials in Brussels have

said a "no" vote and eventual withdrawal, which could take two years to negotiate, could set a dangerous precedeot.

The referendum has come at an awkward time for the community, embroiled in fresb rows over contributions by member states and agricultural policy. Both the British opposition Labor Party and the ocw Greek Socialist government have talked of leaving the EEC.

Denmark bas said it would respect Greenland's refereodum decision and back any negotiations for a withdrawal in Brussels. But a Danish official here said "they could find the going tough if they decide to go it alooe."

Greenland is located some 2,000 miles from the European mainland and its 50,000 population have felt estranged from their other Common Market partners.

Greenlanders, most of them of Eskimo origin, resent what they see as unjustified eccroachments by Brussels on traditionally exclusive fishing rights.

Because of EEC regulations, Greenlanders have only a 12-mile exclusive fishing zooe around the coast. One-third of the labor force is engaged in fishing, sealing and related industries and fish accounts for about 55 percent

Polling officials said fishing communities on the west coast voted solidly against continued EEC membership.

'Army executes 300'

# Syria quells Hama rebellion

DAMASCUS, Feb. 24 (AFP) - The elean-up operatioo Syrian troops launehed against rebel strongholds in the oorthern town of Hama three weeks ago is now over, a local official of the ruling Baath party said

Deputy Secretary for Hama Zuheir Masharka said that, "Baath officials and Syrian security troops have total control of the situatioo" in the city, where Syrian regulars and rebels led by Muslim Brotherhood militants have been fighting a bloody battle since Feb. 3. The Syrian oews agency SANA quoted Masharka as saying that "life is beginning to

return to normal" in Hama, 200 kms oorth of here. Meanwhile, in London, *The Financial* Times said Wednesday that Syrian troops executed 300 men in the embattled city of Hama last Friday as part of an effort by the regime of President Hafez Assad to crush the uprising there.

Quoting refugees from the city, the daily said in a dispatch from Damascus, "The slaughter of these male survivors of the devastated Hadrah quarter (of Hama) seems to have been the final act of retribution by the defense forces commanded by Rifaat Assad, the brother of the Syrian president."

# **GCC** states to sign security accord

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — A decision to sign a comprehensive security agreement betweeo Gulf Cooperatioo Council member states was reached here Wednesday after-0000 during final meetings attended by GCC interior ministers.

In a press statement, GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara said that, during the two-day meeting, the ministers reviewed the recommendations submitted by the experts committee which met last Saturday and Sun-

Inspired by the principles enshrined in the basic statute of the GCC and the resolutions adopted by the GCC leaders during the first and the second sessions of the supreme council. Bishara said, the GCC interior ministers agreed to sign a comprehensive security agreement among themselves, believing that the strength of the Gulf is the strength of the

The ministers resolved to ask the secretariat geoeral to invite experts from the member states to meet and prepare a draft agreement, with full consideration of the opinions and working papers already prepared by some member states, Bishara said. He added that the ministers will meet next October to review the draft treaty.

The GCC secretary general said the ministers also reviewed the documents submitted by Bahrain on the Iranian conspiracy which had aimed at wrecking the security and stabil-ity (of Bahrain). In this context, the ministers expressed their total support for Bahrain in preserving its security, sovereignty and indepeodence, guided by their full conviction that the security of the Gulf cannot be jeopardized and that any assault oo any of the member states will be considered an aggressioo oc the other (member) states. Furthermore, the responsibility of confronting the assault on any state will be considered a collective matter for all member states, he added.

The ministers reiterated that interfere occ from any circle in the internal affairs of any member states will be considered an intervention in the domestic affairs of all the GCC states. They, however said they hoped that hostile attitudes takeo by certain circles against the GCC states would end, in harmony with the requirements, of goodneighborliness, one faith and well-known historical ties.

The ministers expressed their deep appreciation and gratitude to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and the Saudi Arabian government for the cordial reception, best arrangemeots and kind hospitality.

#### King in Riyadh

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) - King Khaled returned here Wednesday morning after relaxing a few days outside the capi-tal.Crown Prince Fahd also returned here



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Prince Sultan says

# Remaining F-15 planes may arrive in 3 months

RIYADH. Feb. 24 (SPA) - Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan said Wednesday that he hoped the remaining shipment of the F-15 aircraft from the United States will he delivered within three months in accordance with a programmed plan and the interests and absorbing capacity of the Kingdom's Air

Prince Sulian was speaking after attending a graduation ceremoney for the 21st group of pilots and technicians at King Faisal Air Academy. A demonstration of military maneuvers was carried out by F-15, Bac-167 and Cessna-172 squadrons. After the maneuvers. academy students and Saudi Arahian F-15 pilots were greeted by Prince Sultan.

He said the exhibition of flying skills shown by Saudi Arabian pilots flying the F-15 pla-

#### Envoy hails Kingdom

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Italian Ambassador to the Kingdom Marcellio Sallimei hailed Saudi 'Arabia's international policy and described it as "wise and mature" since it takes into consideration the prime interests of the whole world. The statement was carried by Al -Bilad Wednesday.

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grasp the sophisticated aircraft. Expressing pleasure on the graduation of the new group, Prince Sultan said that "the youth we just saw and their colleagues piloted the aircraft from the United States.'

The minister was received at the academy by Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of the general staff; Lt. Gen. Muhammad Sabri, Air Force commander, Col. Mansour Abdullah Al-Jaawini, King Faisal air academy commander; and senior officers of the Armed Forces. The event was also attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif and interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

Prince Sultan inspected the guard of honor at the academy before Col. Jaawini addressed the guests welcoming Prince Sultan and the interior ministers of the Gulf states. The academy trains its students to operate war planes, but more important is the fact that it concentrates on the divine principles of Islam to produce pilots and technicians which form a power ready to fight enemies of God and the nation, he said.

Saudi Arahian students are trained side by side with their colleagues from Arah and fri-

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endly countries bound by their common religious faith. The academy is a model for cooperation among the students of those countries, the commander said. Graduates of the academy now form the backbone of our air force, he added.

Pilots and technicians of the Third Squadron volunteered to take part in the ceremony using the newly acquired F-15 planes, Jaawini said. He called on Saudi Arabian youth to join military service, to take advantage of the opportunities opened by the government and the huge military cities, hospitals, academies, institutes and other installations.

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#### Yamani returns from Kuwait

# Information parley approves Saudi papers

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) - Informacion Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani returned here Wednesday from Kuwait after attending the seventh conference of Gulf information ministers which concluded Tuesday night. Dr. Yamani, with the other beads of the delegation to the conference, was received by Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah:

The conference members approved a study submitted by the Kingdom's delegation on an open university project. The ministers also approved the proposed operational plan for the university which will pursue an open education system to be broadcast by Gulf television stations.

Yamani was requested to further study the project with Gulf education ministers and to follow up the steps of its implementation in coordination with the Arah Gulf Education Bureau based in Riyadh. The university's operational plan will provide programs to be aired according to the potentials of each member state under the title "the open univ-

Another proposal submitted by the Kingdom was considered by the conference. The Saudi Arabian Information Ministry was thanked for preparing a study on a media academy and the conference entrusted the information ministers of the Kingdom and Bahrain with the task of coordinating with Gulf education ministers in including the project to the proposed Gulf University project to be based in Manama.

Two other working papers suhmitted by

JEDDAH, (SPA) - Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali will arrive here Saturday on a visit to the Kingdom, during which he will perform the Umrah.

PARIS, (SPA) - Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, chairman of AGFUND, Tuesday signed a \$2 million agreement with UNICEF secretary-general Amado Mukhtar, According to the pact, the Gulf states will contribute the fund needed for the development of news agencies in 20 African states.

RIYADH, (SPA) - Prince Philip. Duke of Edinburgh, made a stopover here Wednesday on his way home from Oman. He was received and later seen off by Prince Sattam. deputy governor of Riyadh; Sheikh Mansour Al-Khreiji, deputy chief of royal protocol and Sir James Craig, British amhassador to the Kingdom.

JEDDAH - Nearly 500 of the 3,102 Korean Muslims in the Kingdom will join in a Friday prayer from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the housing complex, Hyundai Construction and Engineering Company at Kilo 12. Makkah road. Sheikh Amin Attas, undersecretary for pilgrimage and endowments; Sheikh Hassan Kutbi. former minister of pilgrimage and endowments and Sbeikh Omar Kamel, presi-dent of Korean Islamic education center will take part, a press release said Wednesday.

SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemen's Dep-uty Premier Abdul Aziz Abdul Gbani received Sheikh Tarad Al-Harthi, the Kingdom's ambassador here Wednesday. They discussed ways and means of further developing bilateral relations.

RIYADH. (SPA) - The first phase of the development of Qasr Al-Hukm area here has been put under implementation. An official spokesman of the project said Tuesday that all shopowners in the area of jewelry markets south of Qasr Al-Hukm must evacuate completely by Feh. 28 at the latest, when electricity and other services will be cut off from the area.

RIYADH - Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Standard Oil of California (Chevron) George M. Keller will

the Saudi Arabian delegation were approved. One involved organizing a Gulf seminar and was submitted to the International Information Relations Committee while the other regarding health care for citizens, was decided upon by asking visual media authorities not to show people smoking on their local television stations.

The conference also decided to hold an extraordinary session for Gulf information ministers to evaluate the activities of Gulf media institutions and departments during the past seven years. Meanwhile, the eighth conference has been scheduled for Abu Dhabi in 1983, provided that an experts meeting precede the conference.

The information ministers began their conference earlier Tuesday under the chairmanship of Sbeikh Sabab Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti deputy premier and minister of foreign affairs and information. The opening session approved the meeting's agenda which comprised recommendations of the information experts' committee.

The conference decided to preserve the present status of the Gulf Joint Programs Production Corporation after reviewing two reports on its achievements. The Information Documentation Center's projects for 1982 were approved, stressing the need to complete the Baghdad-based center's requirements for modern technological equipment. The 1981 final accounts and a budget for 1982 were approved while the issue of a permanent

headquarters was postponed. The conference also approved administra-

be arriving in the Kingdom Saturday Feb. 27 accompanied by W. McQuinn and E. Lowry, corporate vice presidents for foreign operations. Keller will meet with several govern-ment officials and visit more than 150 Chevron personnel working in the Kingdom.

JEDDAH, (CNA) - Yn Chun, deputy director of the veterans general hospital, and Wang Wei, director of the hospital's nursing department, arrived here Tueday for a review of cooperation between the hospital and the New Jeddah Clinic.

Yu and Wang called on Chinese Ambassador Hushe Yu-chi Wednesday. The veterans hospital now has some 80 doctors and nurses working at the Jeddah Clinic.

MADINAH, (SPA) - Moroccan Interior Minister Idris Al-Basri left here for home Tuesday after paying a visit to the Prophet's Mosque. He was seen off at the airport by Maj. Gen. Hamad Al-Oraifi, Madinah police director, and several other officials.

tive appointments and the 13-million Qatari dinar 1982 budget for the Gulf Folklore Center in Qatar. A five-year operational plan was approved in principle while the center's membership to international institutions was postponed until the center's establishment agreement is endorsed by all member states.

The conference endorsed a project for the Gulf News Agency's transmission network and requested that a study on a comprehensive network, based on satellises, be prepared immediately. The conference reviewed reports by the agency's director and a memo submitted by Iraq to make the Gulf news

agency's role more effective.

Yamani was re-elected as chairman of the Riyadh-based Gulf Television Authority, as the conference reviewed a report on the auhority's achievements and working plan for

The conference also allocated 400,000 Kuwaiti dinars . for the Petroleum Information Committee's 1982 budget and stressed the nced to give adequate coverage to the development plan of Gulf states and their assistance to developing countries.

#### Transport show makes high sales

RIYADH, Feb. 24 - In two days of trading at the Saudi Transport'82 exhibition sales of more than \$75 million have been forecast by the United States group, according to the organizers Wednesday. The show opened Monday and is to close Thursday.

The exhibition, staged at Al-Dhiafa International Expo and organized by Al-Dhiafa Exhibition Services, has attracted the world's leading truck manufacturers with an eye on the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan's communications allocation of \$12.63 billion. In addition to commercial vehicles, the exhibition displays light aircraft, railroad equipment and accessories.

American companies landed SR5.5 million worth of orders during the first two days while one organization is said to be biding for a SR5.1 million contract.

DAF Trucks, a member of the Dutch group at Saudi Transport, has sold a range of their bigger vehicles for SR1.2 million. These will be operating alongside the 900 other DAF trucks already sold to customers in the Kingdom. British Leyland - a comparative newcomer to Saudi Arabia - is showing its massive landtrain trucks in Riyadh for the first time. The company reports SR1.25 million sales on the exhibition's first day with other orders.

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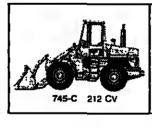
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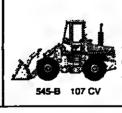
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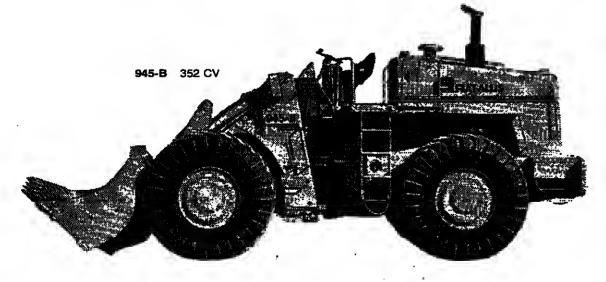
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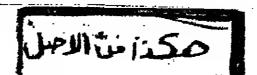
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#### SR631.4m contracts let for networks

DAMMAM, Feb. 24 (SPA) - Two contracts worth SR631.4 million were signed here Wednesday fur the drainage and drinking water network projects in Dammam and Baqiq. The contracts were signed by Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhail, Eastero Province municipal and rural affairs director general.

The first contract, worth SR513.77 million, will provide for implementing drainage and water networks for Jiluwiya, Abu Rasheed and zones 75 and eight in Dammam. Wark is expected to be completed in 36 months. The second contract will provide for similar networks for the town of Baqiq at a cost of SR99.67 million. It is expected to be completed in 34 mnnths.

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Sbuhail said the two projects will save the areas they cover from overflowing nf sewage water and accumulation of storm water, in addition to providing sufficient quantities of fresh water. The projects, supervised by the Municipal and Rural Affairs Directurate, are part nf a series awarded hy the subcommittee chaired by Eastero Province Governor Prince Abdul Mnhsen ibn Jiluwi. Other projects commissioned by the subcommittee include beautificatinn, drainage, water connections and buildings for municipalines for several villages and towns.

Shuhail said that these projects are the result of the government's efforts in develop the towns and rural areas in the Eastern Pro-

#### Sri Lanka seeks more job chances By Habib Rahaman

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Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 - Muhammad Hanifa Muhammad, Sri Lanka's minister of transpnrt and religious affairs, visited Saudi Arabia last week to seek mnre jnh npportunities fnr Sri Lankans in the Kingdom, Muhammad Reyal Thassim, Sri Lanka's amhassador bere, told Arab News that the conditions of Muslims in Sri Lanka, Islamic activities, the rehabilitation of mosques and schools and the promotion of Arabic were included in the minister's talks with Saudi officials. As a gift from President Jayewardene, 30 saplings of cardamom were planted at the Royal Palace gardens in Taif, A cardamom expert came with the mini-

ster to supervise the planting.
In June last year, Saudi Arahia and Sri Lanka established diplnmatie relations. Sri Lanka carns its foreign exchange through the export of spices, tea, cocoouts and through

The minister's visit was also aimed at promoting tourism. In this connection, the ambassador mentioned the lack of direct air service to the island. He said that talks are in progress between Saudia and Air Lanka, the

# Kingdom, Iraq reach two border protocols

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) - Two protocols organizing border authority, irrigation and transport between Saudi Arahia and Iraq were signed here Wednesday. The protocols are supplementary to the border demarcation agreement signed between the twn countries in January.

Interior Minister Prince Naif and Iraqi Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker signed the protocols. They will organize the work and cooperation between border authorities of the twn countries in addition to entry and exit of citizens of both countries, especially regarding herding, Prince Naif said after the sign-

He described the protocols as an achievement reflecting the good understanding and positive cooperation between the twn countries with nn nbstacle, because they are fully aware of their common interests. The agreement and its supplementary protocols will facilitate and regulate the existing cooperatinn between the two countries nn their commnn borders, be added.

Shaker also said that the agreements were reached without any difficulties as a result of the twn countries' belief in the benefit nf cooperation for common interests.

Later Wednesday, Sbaker departed from Madinah for home concluding his visit to the Kingdom during which he had attended the extranrdinary session of Arah interior ministers beld in Riyadh Monday.

# Import of offensive goods banned DAMMAM, Feb. 24 (SPA) — The import months. This is the minimum penalty of

of goods carrying photos and writings contrary to the Islamic faith has been banned, according to a circular of the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce and Industry sent to all traders and importers in the region,

The circular referred to a letter of the Commerce Ministry's undersecretary for supply, who had mentioned the royal directive, intimated through Interior Minister Prince Naif and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim. According to the directive, merchants who are found in possession of such commodities will be fined and awarded a prison term ranging from 10 days to three

national carrier, about the possibility of initiating sueb a service. Currently, Air Lanka

Last year, Saudi Arabia extended a loan of \$50 million to Sri Lanka for economie development. The loan is repayable over a period of 20 years with a five-year grace period. Reval Thassim said that the lnan is being used to improve the water supply and sewage system of Colombo city, the country's capital, and for an electrical power distribution sys-

According to Thassim 20,000 Sri Lankan nationals are working in the Kingdom." Efforts are being made to boost our exports to the Kingdom," be said. The embassy here hopes tn attract Saudi Arabians to the island as both tourists and investors.

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months. This is the minimum penalty provided for in article 147 of the Kingdom's commercial regulation issued under ruriyal order Nn. 32 nf 15/1/1350H, the circular said.

In addition, the penalty will include the publication of the names of those merchants vho possess such kinds of merehandise in the black list. Their imports will be strictly scrutinized and they will be deprived of import in the future in case of recurrence of such an activity, it added.

The circular said further that inspectors from the commerce ministry will undertake inspectinn rounds periodically to ensure the absence of such goods from the markets. Meanwhile, the chamber has urged all traders to stnp importing such goods or to deal in such commodities nn which the Quranic verses are written or which carry pictures in contravention of the Islamic morals.

#### Najran project's

NAJRAN, Feb. 24 (SPA) - The foundation stone for the Najran Central Power Project was laid Wednesday under the auspices nf Sheikh Fahd Khaled Al-Sudairi, governor of Najran, and Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, minister nf industry and electricity.

The project, which is expected to be completed after three years, will serve more than 25,000 subscribers in nearly 400 villages of the area. The SR214 millinn project is planned to produce 118 megawatt of electricity, and is one of the central power projects being implemented by the General Electric-

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SANWAR: The name as it has been given to this beautiful work done by Saudi Arabia's well-known artist Abdul Halim Rizwi. The jar-like piece is 190 cms long and is made of local marble, with the Quranic inscription on it. The picture was taken before the Sanwar was taken from the artist 's place to be installed at one nf the squares in Jeddah.

#### cornerstone laid

ity Corporation to cover the power requirements across the Kingdom.

The project consists of a central power generating plant with five gas turhine units estimated to produce nearly 100 megawatt nf electricity. A network of 132 kilovolts of power lines will branch nff from this plant, stretching into 400 kms, In addition, four main transformer plants will be installed to provide a link with subsidiary power stations.

The first phase of the project will be handed over within 22 months after the work has

### Team to depart for Taipei meeting

JEDDAH, Feh. 24 (SPA) - Members of the Saudi Cultural Committee led by Dr. Mahmoud Safer, undersecretary for higher education, leave for Taipei Thursday tn take part in the third session of the Saudi-Chinese Joint Commission for cultural cooperation, beginning there after twn days.

The commissino meets once a year to discuss matters connected with cultural and technical cooperation between the twn countries. Meetings will also deal with the settlement of matters concerning the university students

and the exchange of students among the

Saudi and Chinese universities.

Gulf, Peninsula table tennis

#### Faisal to open championship

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) - President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal ibn Fahd will open here Thursday the table tennis champ-

ionship for the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula. The championship, which lasts until March 6, will be attended by national teams from Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, North and South Yemen, in addition to the Kingdom.

The participant countries have been divided into two groups. Group I comprises Saudi Arabia (A), South Yemen, Bahram and Kuwait, while Group II includes the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, North Yemen and Saudi

Arabia (B).
Prince Faisal will also dedicate Tuesday the fourth modern Saudi arts exhibition at the Presidency of Youth Welfare here. Abdul Rahman Al-Aleeq, cultural affairs director, said that the exhibition will last 10 days, during which a large number of national artists

will display 250 works. The demonstration will include paintings, photography and other applied arts which reflect the environment and traditions of the Kingdom. The exhibition : -will also display a contemporary concept and photography of the deserts and urban hnnm. The presidency bas allneated SR130,000 as prizes and incentives. In addition, participants will be granted certificates. Aleeq said.

In another development, Malaysian Ynuth and Sports Minister Dr. Dato Mokhtar Hashem will arrive here on a five-day visit at the invitation of Prince Faisal. The Malaysian minister will hold talks with Prince Faisal on promoting youth and sports relations between the two countries.

Hashem will perform the Umrah and visit the Prophet's mosque in Madinah, He will also inspect sports installations in the King-

invited to attend the functions connected

with the seventh anniversary of the school.

Safwat Saqqa, MWL's assistant secretary

general, Wednesday met with Dr. Abdul Malik Abdullah Al-Jali, secretary general of religious and endowments affairs in Sudan,

and his delegation. They discussed various

aspects of cooperation between the MWL

and the Higher Council for Islamic Affairs in

Sudan, particularly in regard to the publica-

Following the meeting Saqqa stated that

half a million copies of the Holy Book have

been distributed in different parts of Sudan

and a number of teachers bave been appoin-

ted to impart religious education at the expe-

use of the league. He said that studies are

being carried out on religious schools in

Sudan, to enable them to carry nut their mes-

Saqqa also beld a meeting with Sheikh

Abdul Wahed Vnn Bomal, chairman of the

Islamic center in Hulland and his delegation.

The two sides reviewed the requirements for

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tion of the Holy Quran.

On the other hand, Sheikh Muhammad

#### Harakan, U.S. Muslim group confer

MAKKAH, Feb. 24 (SPA) - Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, Wednesday met with Sbeikh Ali Ahmad, chairman of the Islamic center of Philadelphia and his delegation, now on a visit to the Kingdom.

The two sides discussed a number of matters connected with the propagation of Islam in the United States and the expansion of the Islamic community school in Philadelphia, to enable it to absorb 9,000 students in the next academie year. The MWL has agreed to belp the project. Meanwhile, Harakan has been

#### Zamil to attend joint pact signing

RIYADH, Feh. 24 (SPA) — Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, vice-chairman of the Saudi Arabian basic industries corporation (SABIC), left here Wednesday for Bahrain to attend the signing of the main contract, for the petrochemical complex of the Gulf Petrochemicals Company.

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Lebanon wants urgent action

# U.N. told of Israeli invasion plan

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (AP) — Lebanese Ambassador Ghassan Tueni, citing "Israeli threats to re-invade Lebanon," called on the U.N. Security Council Tuesday for action to prevent "a frail and volatile ceasefire from becoming yet another prelude to death and destruction.'

Tueni seemed to be harking back to deadly Israeli air raids on Palestinian positions in Lebanon last July, including a strike against Beirut July 18. He spoke as the 15-nation council met to take up his government's request, backed by U.N. officials, for the addition of 1,000 troops to the 6,000-member U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. The meeting went on for an hour and was adjourned to Wednesday.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick told reporters the Soviet delegation had asked for time to get instructions from moscow on what kind of council action to support. She said the council president, Sir Anthony Parsons of Britain, hoped to conclude the debate by Thursday. He had said earlier that he expected a resolution to be turned in Wednesday and come to a vote Thursday.

Soon after convening, the council granted

RACHIDIYA, Lehanon, Feh. 24 (AP) -

The Palestinian refugees who live in the camp

at Rachidiya are withio sight of Israeli artill-

ery. Yet, they seem to take little notice of the

latest reports that Israel is poised to invade

"It is not a matter of if or when. We know it

is inevitable, this week or next year. This is

our fate," says Ahu Khaldoon, commaoder

of Rachidiya's police department, which is

run by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"We live our lives whether there is shooting

Rachidiya has been on the front line of the

Arab-Israeli conflict since the camp was star-

ted as a teot city following the 1948 creation of

Israel and the exile of thousands of Palestini-

The refugees, who now live in one-story.

cinder-block houses, are located just 15 kms

from Israel's northern truce lines. The area

has been shelled heavily. Craters in Rachid-

iya's streets and holes in the camp's schools

and clinics attest to that. To the Palestinians,

Rachidiya is important because it is the clos-

The Israeli artillery nearby is capable of

knocking down houses three at a time. Days

are spent in cramped, unventilated homb she-

lters, and Israeli gunboats cruise almost nigh-

tly off the beach. The Palestinians say they

est beachhead to their homeland.

southern Lebanon.

Palestinian refugee camp

exposed to Israeli artillery

Jordan's request that the Palestine Liberation Organization be allowed to participate in the debate with the same privileges as if it were a U.N. member country. The vote on the request was 11-1 with three abstentions. Britain, France and Japan abstained. The

United States voted against the motion. Tueni said enlarging the U.N. force would increase its strength and credibility and encourage use of all its means to cope with "all acts of violence that prevent it from carrying out its mandate...in the totality of its area of operations, up to the internationallyrecognized boundaries."

He said Lebanon was asking the council to act for full Israeli withdrawal, reinstatement of the 1949 armistice agreement, quantitative and qualitative improvement of the capabilities of the U.N. force and a gradual transfer of its responsibilities to the Lebanese

In his speech, Tueni did oot amplify his references to Israeli invasion threats. But he told reporters after the council meeting, "It's not a question of wbether Israel will invade hut when." He said ooe camp in Israel favored invading Lehanon before April 25

Climbing atop one of the shanties and poi-

nting down the coast to the low hills of north-

ern Israel, Mechanic Assam Husseini breat-

hes deeply and says, "t can smell my country

This reporter spent a day recently in Rach-

idiya and saw no indications that weapons

were deployed here, except for two truck-

mounted machine guns and the ever-present,

Soviet-designed assault rifles, which are as

common in Lebanoo as are umbrellas on a

rainy day in London. There is little question

Israel and the Palestinians have reinforced

their units since the July 24 ceasefire ended

two weeks of artillery exchanges, On July 17,

an Israeli air raid on Beirut killed at least 300

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat says an Isra-

eli attack is imminent. The Israelis, who were

reported in the Western Media to have aban-

doned at the last minute an invasioo plao in

late January or early February, accuse the

Palestinians of violating the standdown by

sending infiltrators into the occupied West

divided on whether the ceasefire will crum-

hle, agree that Israeli claims of a PLO arms

huildup are overstated. They say the cease-

fire is frail and that they welcome the planned

return to the area in the next few weeks of the

U.S. Middle East troubleshooter, Philip C.

Western diplomatic observers in Beirut,

Bank from Jordao.

and another favored invading it after that date, when Israel is to complete military withdrawal from Egypt's Sinai.

Washingtoo administratioo sources said Jan. 20 that Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin had written to U.S. President Ronald Reagan that Israel would not attack Lebanon without "clear provocation."

Jordanian Amhassador Hazem Nuseibeh, addressing the council Tuesday, spoke of an "Israeli occupation" of the enclave, where Israeli military personnel are known to turn up. He said the object of the occupation was to uproot Palestinian refugees and Lebanese citizens living there and use the area as a springboard from which to annex all south Lebanon and steal the waters of the Litani

"Israel's determination to exact the last drop of blood as well as the last drop of water from the millions of people in the area," he declared, "is an integral and inseparable part of Israeli strategy to cannihalize and depopulate these historic and great lands and their peoples."

Nuseibeh, expressing sympathy for Palestinian refugees now living in Lehanon, said "they want to go hack to their lands and family homes."

Clovis Maksoud, Arah League's U.N. observer, told the council it was meeting in the calm of a ceasefire hut under the cloud of an invasion. He accused Mrs. Kirkpatrick of seeking to deny the representative nature of the PLO and Israel of trying to "settle big Accounts in a small territory.

#### Evren arrives in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Feh. 24 (AP) — Gen. Kenan Evren arrived in Sofia Wednesday for the first visit by a Turkish head of state to neighboring Bulgaria.

Before his departure, Evren told reporters in Ankara that "this visit proves the willingness of Turkey to maintain and develop good relations with all the countries of the world." Turkey is a member of NATO and Communist Bulgaria belongs to the Warsaw Pact.

Foreign ministry official accompanying Evren said discussions during the three-day i visit would center on hilateral issues.

The two neighbors have smooth relations and developing economic ties. But one problem is the presence of a nearly one-millionstrong Turkish Ethnic minority in Bulgaria. Turkish newspapers frequently report alleged harassment of this minority by Bulgarian officials and Evren is expected to ask for easier emigration opportunities for the repatriation of ethnic Turks.

Turkish Foreign Ministry sources also noted that Bulgaria may ask Turkey to support a nuclear arms free zone in the Balkans.

### Mayors say Israel grabs W.Bank lands fraudulently

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (Agencies) - Arab mayors in the occupied West Bank have charged that Israel was trying to buy up the area through fraudulent land deals.

The mayors of Nablus, Tulkarem, Kalkilya and Anahta, said in a letter read at a press conference Tuesday that Israel had "given a free hand to Israeli land speculators to use immoral means to purchase properties in the occupied area." The press conference was called by the League for Civil Rights.

A spokesman for the Israeli occupation administration admitted that there had been many such fraudulent deals. Felicia Langer, a lawyer who frequently represents Palestinians io the courts, told the press confereoc that land was often acquired by fraud and the deals were usually approved by the occupation authorities.

Ahmad Halil Daam, of Kafar Hija village, told reporters his signature had been forged and his identity papers stolen hy Israeli speculators to carry out the frauduleot sale of his

Abdul Ahmad Yusuf of Beit Amin village said his land had been obtained by Israelis on the hasis of a frauduleot deed. An Israeli spokesman admitted the occupation authorities had "checked complaints of fraud and found they could be supported by the facts."

#### Jatoi says Zia made offer of premiership

KARACHI. Feb. 24 (AP) - Ghulam Mustafa Jatol. former chief minister of Sind province and chairman of the Sind Provincial People's Party, has conditionally accepted an offer to become martial law prime minister, it was reported Tuesday.

In an interview with the Urdu daily Nawai Wagt Jatoi was reported to have said he had been offered the position by President Gen. Zia Ul Haq in Sept. 1980. He told Nawi Want according to the interview, that he discussed the offer with his friends and finally decided to accept it un condition that the central govemment be beefed up with additional provincial ministries, that military courts be abolished, that general elections be scheduled, press freedom be restored and that political prisoners be released.

There was no immediate comment from the martial law authorities whether the premiership had been offered to Jatoi.

LAHORE (R) - Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan and his Pakistani-born wife, Princess Sarvath, arrived Wednesday from India for an eight-day visit to Pakistan. They were received at Lahore Airport by President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq and his wife. Zia and Hassan are to discuss bilateral relations and review the international situation during the

PARIS/ (AFP) - The trial of five men der bere of former Iranian Prime Minister Shapur Bakhnar in July 1980 opens here Thursday, Bakhtiar, 67, the last prime minister under the late Shah, escaped unharmed when three armed men, posing as reporters, attempted to hreak into his home, in the Paris suburbs. But a woman neighbor and a policeman guarding him were killed and another woman and two more policemen were wounded in the attack.

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella said Tuesday relations with Israel were not damaged by Peru's vote in the United Nations against the annexation of the Golan Heights. Arias said he had talked with Israeli Amhassador Gideon Tadmor on Monday and the diplomats reaffirmed their countries' common interests.

#### Numeiri shelves plans for dividing south Sudan KHARTOUM. Feb. 24 (R) - Sudanese President Jaffar Numeiri has apparently shelved plans for a referendum on a controvers-

ial proposal to divide the country's southern region into two or three smaller areas, according to members of the Sudanese National People's Assembly. The proposal had threatened to stir up tri-

bal differences in the region, which won a considerable degree of autonomy from the Khartoum government in 1972 after a civil war lasting 17 years. In a speech to the opening session of the assembly in Khartoum Monday, President Numeiri called on southem leaders to try to resolve their differences and reach a compromise on decentralization. But the objective, he said, should be to "consolidate decentralization in southern Sudan within one region."

He told the assembly the civil war in the southern region was still remembered. adding: "We shall not allow a replay of that bloody history." The 52-year-old leader helped end the conflict after taking control of Africa's largest state in 1969.

The president paved the way for a referendum last October when he dismissed the regional government and appointed a transitional administration. This government would he in power for six months to prepare for the referendum and maintain a strictly neutral stance, the president said.

The idea of dividing up the semi-autocomous region, which contains vast areas of forest, savannah and swamp around the Upper Nile, was proposed by the area's former President and Civil War Commander Joseph Lagu. North Sudan has already been divided into five regions, and some informed sources helieved the president considered division of the south into two or three smaller units to be a natural next step. But some southern leaders regarded the proposal with suspicion, believing it might be an attempt by Khartoum to weaken the south.

They saw the plan as a fresh attempt by the Arabic-speaking north to dominate the predominantly black southerners and break the power of the main tribe in the region, the

Last December, a group of 21 southern politicians who sent a letter to the president

questioning the legality of dividing the south

Jaffar Numeiri

were arrested for forming a council for the unity of southern Sudan," a move said to be illegal under the country's one-party system. Most of the 21 were later released, but five are still being held in Khartoum's Kober Pri-

President Numeiri said Monday elections for the southern region's assembly will take place in April and that he had decided to end the mandate of the transitional government. He told the assembly the transitional government will prepare the way for a dialogue between those for and against division of the southern region. This is so they can agree the method "which can consolidate decentralizatioo in the southern Sudan within one region and so that harmony, unity and fraternity can return to the people of the south to enable them to participate in huilding their coun-

try."
Sudanese assembly members said Tuesday Numeiri appeared now to have shelved the referendum proposal. They said any decentralization would be carried out within the flamework of a unified sonthern region.

President Numeiri was apparently anxious to avoid any trouble after last month's riots across the country in protest against hig rises in the price of sugar and petrol. The student riots, in which several persons were killed. prompted the president to launch a major shake-up of the leadership of the ruling Socialist Union and dismiss his first Vice-President and Defense Minister Abdul-Magid Hamid Khalil.

#### Security danger denied

#### Mubarak releases 163 detainees constituted a security threat. Health and

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (AP) - President Hosni Muharak Tuesday ordered the release of 163 detainees, including three Christian Coptic priests, on grounds they no longer represent a security danger, the Middle East News Agency reported.

The released were detained six months ago by the late President Anwar Sadat as part of a crackdown on religious extremists and political opponents that netted 1,536 persons. The latest batch brings to 563 the number of persons Mubarak ordered released since he came to power following Sadat's assassination last October. The assassins are currently under trial by a military court.

No explanation was made as to why the authorities thought the released no longer humanitarian reasons were cited when earlier releases were ordered. An Egyptian court earlier this month suspended Sadat's decree which led to the mass arrests, saying the late president had unnecessarily invoked a provision in the Egyptian constitution that should only be used when the nation faces:a "sudden and extreme danger." The court said this was not the case because

Sadat invoked the clause nearly two months after the "alleged" sectarian strife was over. The court said those still under detention should be released immediately. The government did not comment on the ruling although those released Tuesday represented the second batch since the ruling was issued.

### Goukouni flees from FAN-held area

KHARTOUM, Feb. 24 (AFP) - Chad's rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) alleged Wednesday that President Goukouni Oueddei and his Defense Minister Adoum Togoi fled with their troops after an attack on the FAN-held town of Our Hadjer failed last Sunday.

Ndjamena has said that Oum Hadjer fell to troops of the Integrated National Army (ANI) who were pursuing the FAN eastward, but since then, there has been no word from the government side on the progress of its general offensive launched at the weekend.

Two previous government attempts in recent months to roll hack the FAN, who now hold large areas of northern and eastern Chad, failed after early reports of success were discounted. A FAN representative in

Khartoum said Wednesday the attack on Oum Hadjer in central Chad had been repulsed, and in the ensuing battle 417 government troops were killed, hundreds wounded and 414 captured.

Following fierce fighting the remaining government troops, led by President Gouko-uni and Adoum Togoi, took to their heels, leaving their dead and wounded behind, the FAN spokesman said, quoting ANI prisoners. They were pursued westward to Ati, where the FAN gave up the chase "in respect for the African peacekeeping force stationed in the town," he added.

The FAN representative said FAN troops seized 31 light trucks with mounted guns and ammunition, six other vehicles and 360 light

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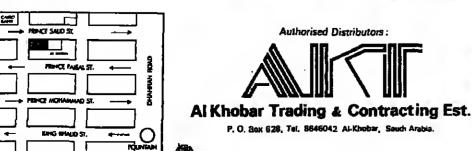


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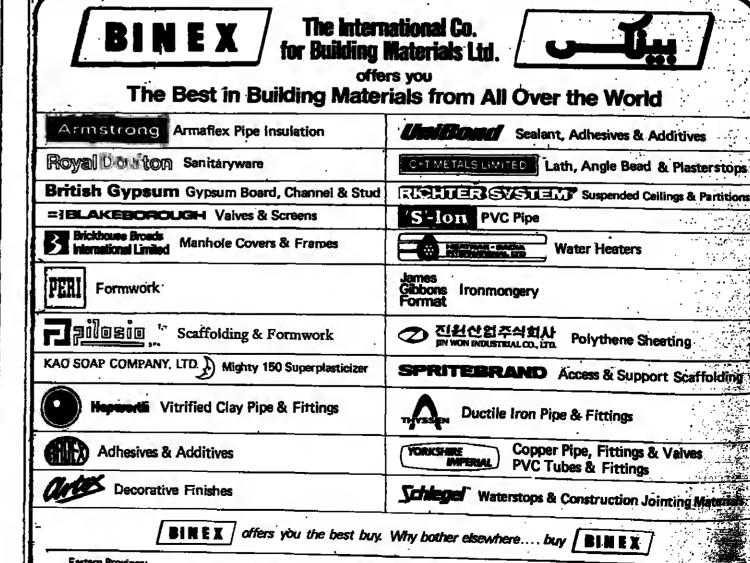










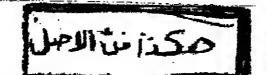


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#### Shamir rules out talks on self-determination

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (R) — Isracli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a hlunt exchange with the Egyptian foreign minister, has ruled out discussion of self-determination in current talks on Palestinian autonomy, Egyptian officials said Wednesday.

. They quoted Sbamir as saying at a lunchepn Tuesday after talks with Egyptian Minis-Ter Kamal Hassan Ali: "We must concentrate on topics dealing with the transition period during the (Palestinian) autonomy negotiations. To achieve progress, we must not deal with future status, and accordingly selfdetermination which would lead to the creation of a state is ruled out."

Egypt argues that the Camp David accords it signed with Israel mean the eventual creation of a Palestinian state, while Israel says only limited autonomy is envisaged in the

"The Camp David accords call for the solution of the problem of Palestinian Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, hut not for the creation of a new Palestinian state."

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Ali, according to the officials, retorted "You have revealed topics we discussed during a closed session," and Shamir replied But this is part of the autonomy negotia-

... The semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram said Shamir, who arrived here on Monday. had argued that Palestinians should be gran-- ted autonomy similar to the limited self-rule enjoyed by southern Sudan, The Israeli minister is spending Wednesday in southern

Egypt at Luxor and Aswan, and meets President Hosni Mubarak Thursday.

Among the topics Shamir is scheduled to discuss during his visit here is his country's withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, due to be completed before April 26.

Egypt and Israel are still working out final details of their joint border when Israel withdraws from Sinai. The exact frontier is still undecided at several points.

Egypoan officials said Egypt was not prepared to make any concessions on the border issue. They said Egypt wanted some 500 houses in the north Sinai town of Rafah, which lies astride the border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip, to he demolished to create a frontier strip along the pre-1967 border.

Residents would be given the choice on which side they wanted to live after the Israeli pullout from the territory occupied in the 1967 Middle East war. Israel suggested the nown be left intacn, leaving it wholly in Egypt or Gaza, but the plan was rejected by Egypt.

In a separate move, Egypt and Israel Tuesday signed an agreement allowing Egypt to buy oil tanks made by Israel at Ras el-Naqab, near the Israeli port of Eilat, The official Middle East News Agency reported that the agreement was reached at a meeting of the joint Egyptian-Israeli military committee held Tuesday.

The two sides agreed Egypt would huy the tanks for \$2.5 million and that they would sign contracts for the purchase of other installations in northern Sinai before the final Israeli pullout from Sinai, the agency added.

#### Begin's offer for coalition gets cool reply from Labor In a "dear Shimon" letter, Begin said

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (AP) - Prime Minister Menahem Begin Wednesday revived his offer of a coalition government with the opposition Labor Party hut Labor indicated no

enthusiasm for the idea. Most political observers believe there is little chance for Labor to join Begin, but the possibility has received a wave of public comment recently as some signs of strain started to show in Begin's slender coalition.

His Likud Bloc and three small coalition partners have only 61 or the 120 seats in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and Begin could lose his majority if one of the partners bolted 'in a dispute over policy.

Begin meotioned the so-called "naoonal 'unity" coalition in a letter to Labor Party -teader Shimon Peres that chided Labor for refusing Begin's suggestion of a hipartisan information campaign. Begin had invited Labor to join Likud Knesset members to go to the United States to explain Israel's objections to U.S. arms sales to Jordan. Labor ref-"used the suggestion, saying it would be tant-"amount to a decision to join a national unity

Labor had nothing to fear from a national

unity coalition." I have suggested, and I sug-

gest again the setting up of a national unity

government," Begin wrote, according to a

text broadcast on Israel radio. The prime minister cited Labor's support of the Camp David Mideast peace accords and said "we can work together" during the five-year transition period envisioned in the Camp David accords for Palestinian self-rule

in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Peres made no immediate comment. Labor's Ahba Ehan, the former foreign minister, said he personally opposed the idea. "What the head of government is asking is for the oppositioo to self-destruct," Ehan said on

Israel radio.

Labor itself has internal problems, and its leftist Mapam wing says it would bolt Labor if the party joined Begin, Labor's 48 Knesset seats would give Begin a huge majority. Such wide governments have been formed in Israel in the past during wartime or postwar emergencies, but not in peacetime.

#### Wazzan mulls Lebanese crisis with Zayed

ABU DHABI, Feb. 24 (AP) - The president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sulian al Nahyan, conferred Wednesday on the Lebanese situation with Lebanese Prime and Interior Minister Shafik

Wazzan arrived from Kuwaii after holding similar talks there. He was earlier in Saudi Arabia. The Lebanese premier's tour, also to include Bahrain and Qatar, came amid increasing fears of an imminent Israeli offensive in South Lebanon and calls by rightist Lebanese leaders for abrogating the 1969 Cairo agreement, which regulates the presence of Palestinian commandos in the south.

During his presence in Kuwait Tuesday, the Kuwait parliament voted down a government-sponsored hill to continue financial backing to Syria's 22,000-strong peacekeeping force in Lebanon, which has been policing a fragile ceasefire between rig-



htist and leftist factions. Deputies against the hill hlasted Syrian "excesses" in Lebanon and the current erackdown by the Syrian government against rel-

igious extremists in Syria Those for the bill said the Lebanese government itself has not asked for withdrawal of the Syrian force and warned that such a withdrawat would detonate a full-scale resump-

#### To protest bombings Beirut merchants go on strike

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (AP) - Most all of the merchants in west Beirut padlocked their stores Wednesday in a protest against car-bomb explosions a day earlier that killed at least 12 persons and wounded more than 30 in a cro-

Shopkeepers said the one-day strike was voluntary. A few, though, said gunmen were on the streets forcing retailers to skip the day's business and express solidarity with the merchants of the Rauche bazaar, where the car bombs destroyed at least two dozen cuhb-

"I am open only for an hour or two, If they (militiamen) pass by, I will elose," said Verian Vanian in his men's clothing shop. Several sticks of dynamite exploded Wed-

nesday morning near a crowded avenue about a kilometer from Tuesday's blasts in which two French-made Peugeots were packed with dynamite and left to explode.

No one suffered wounds in Wednesday's detonation nor was there an apparent target, although the area on the corniche Al Mazraa was heing guarded by the Lebanese Arab Army, a leftist splinter group that hroke from the regular army during the 1975-76 civil

The car bomhings put Beirut further into a state of nervousness as two groups claimed responsibility for the blasts and residents muttered angrily about the twin bombs that exploded just moments apart.

The high casualty count - some unofficial reports said 70 were killed or wounded — is blamed on the fact the first car bomb attracted rescuers and onlookers and the second bomh erupted in their midst. The explosions were four to six minutes apart. "It's a lousy way for anyone to fight," remarked a west

Beirut mother who spent Tuesday afternoon trying to locate ber ehildren who regularly pass through Rauche on their way home from

had been approaching Rauche when the first blast went off. It sped onto the playground of a nearby school where children were gathered until their parents could fetch them.

An undetermined number of other youngsters was wounded in the explosions. The detonations were the worst here since Oct. 1 when a booby-trapped car killed more than 100 people and wounded some 300 when it erupted on a street outside a collection of

The PLO's Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted in the Beirut press Wednesday as saying the Tuesday explosion, "was an Israeli bomh set off by Israeli agents."

The first claimant was a shadowy group calling itself "The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners." It bas taken responsibility for a number of explosions last year aimed at the Palestinians and the Syrian army, which has 22,000 soldiers in Lebanon policing the aftermath of the civil war.

for Israeli agents. A beretofore unheard-of group called

They were uninjured, hut their school bus

Palestine Liberation Organization offices.

Officials of the PLO say the front is a cover

"The Holy War Organization" claimed responsibility in a telephone call to a Western news agency, saying the attack was in retaliatioo for four days of running battles in Lebanon's northern port of Tripoli, the country's second largest city, which claimed 12 lives.

#### Over Polisario admission

# 11 states boycott OAU parley

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 24 (AP) - The Organization of African Unity began Wednesday to consider a budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year, but a dispute over admission of the Polisario Front still simmered.

Secretary-General Edem Kodjo spoke hefore an audience of delegates depleted by walkouts over the Polisario squahhle as he proposed a budget of \$21.8 million, an increase of 11.7 percent over last year's budget of \$19.5 million.

The hudget debate, expected to last a couple of days, is always a ticklish topic in an organization which counts among its members 20 of the world's 31 poorest countries. Some member nations owe hudget contributions going back as far as 1965.

Three more countries, Niger, Djibouti and Tunisia, announced Wednesday morning they were boycotting the week-long foreign ministers' meeting because of Kodjo's decision to seat the Polisario Front as the 51st OAU member under the name Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.

A total of 11 countries - led by Morocco, which the Polisario Front is fighting for independence of the Western Sahara — bave now joined in the Walkout. The meeting opened Monday, but was delayed in the start of its regular business until Wednesday because of the dispute over the Polisario's seating at the formal opening.

The other countries which walked out of the meeting Tuesday night with Morocco were Senegal, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Cameroun, Zaire, Sudan and the Central African

A main objection of the boycotting nations was the administrative manner in which Kodjo, of Togo. admitted the Polisario group. Some wanted the issue to be settled at the next OAU summit this summer in Tripoli,

The OAU charter provides that the secretary-general can admit a new member upon receiving the approval of a simple majority of the existing members. Twenty-six countries had already given diplomatic recognition to the Polisario, so Kodjo maintains he acted within the charter.

But the charter also says that "any independent sovereign African" state can seek OAU membership. Morocco and other countries argued that the Polisario Front is not sovereign or independent and certainly not a country.

Botswana Foreign Minister Archie Mogwe, chairman of the Addis Abaha meeting, Wednesday formally welcomed the Sahrawi Arah Democraoc Republic to the OAU and jokingly said he would welcome its contrihutions to the organization's budget.

Kodjo told the delegates that for the 1981-22 fiscal year only 10 member countries paid anything to the \$19.5-million budget. He said their contributions totaled only about \$4 million or some 20 percent of the budget. The secretary-general added that as of May 31, 1981, budget contributions owing to the body amounted to \$16 million stretching hack to 1965.

First meeting since 1974

#### Qaddafi confers with Bourguiba

TUNIS, Feh 24 (R) - Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi met President Habib Bourguiha in Tunis Wednesday in their first encounter since the two leaders fell out over an unsuccessful attempt to merge their two countries in 1974.

Accompanied by Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali and other ministers who had met him earlier, be was welcomed at Tunis railway station by Interior Minister Driss Guiga and Mayor Zakaria Ben Moust-

Col. Qaddafi, who arrived by road in southern Tunisia Tuesday at the start of his offi-

#### Saleh arrives in Jordan for talks

AMMAN, Feh: 24 (R) - North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived here Wednesday from Bahrain for two days of talks with King Hussein and senior Jordanian government officials. North Yemeni Embassy sources said his talks are expected to cover bilateral relations and ways of restoring Arah solidarity.

cial visit, was driven straight to President Bourguiba's palace in the Tunis suburb of Narthage. Hundreds of spectators gathered at the sta-

tion to watch the arrival of the Lihyan leader who was accompanied by 10 female bodyguards armed with pistols and wearing hattle dress, as well as dozens of plainclothes secur-

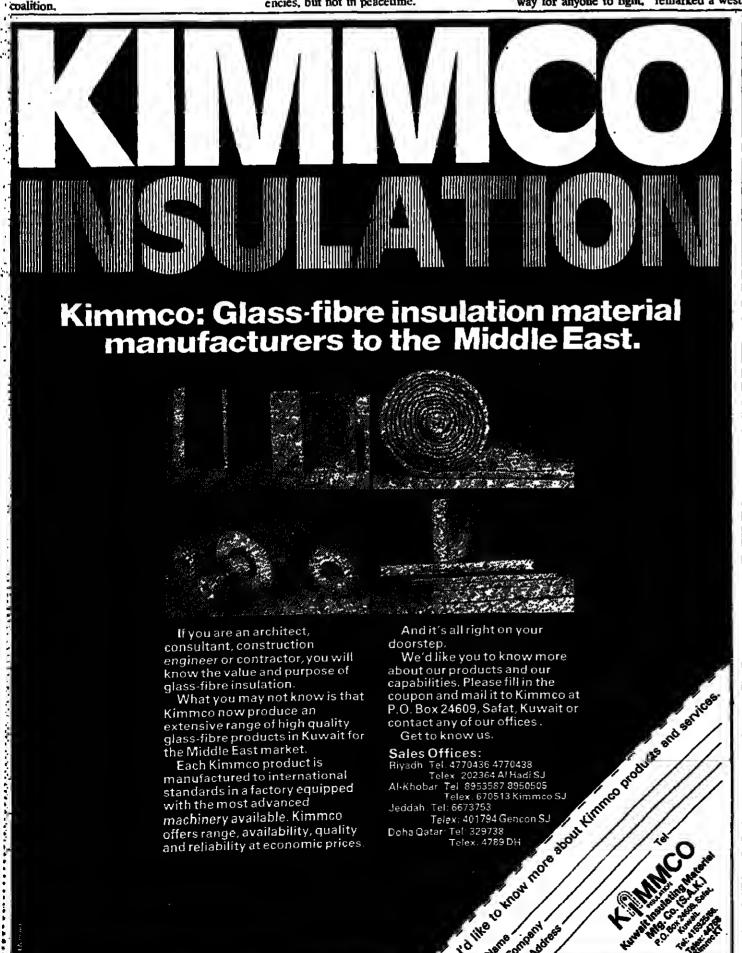
The projected merger of Tunisia and Libya failed when Bourguiba rejected the agreement shortly after signing it in January, 1974, saying he had been misled by his foreign minister whom he dismissed.

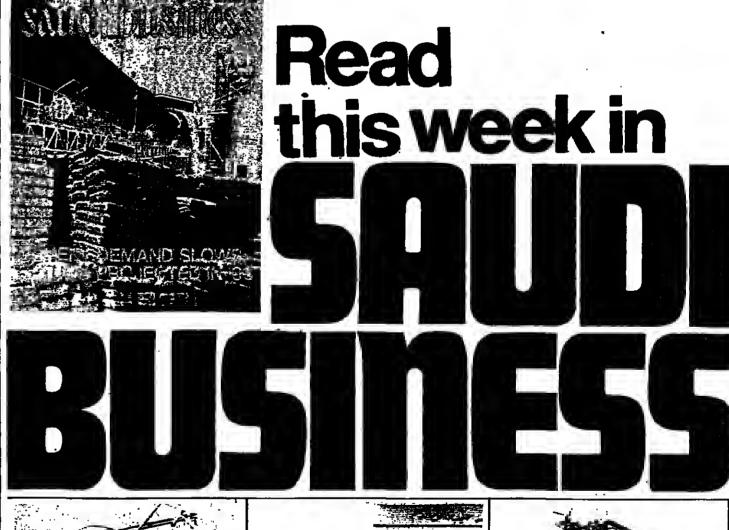
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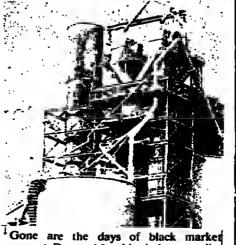
Saleh's visit is part of a tour which has

ted Arab Emirates and Bahrain. He also plans to visit Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

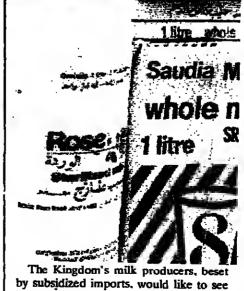
In Maoama, Saleh agreed in talks with the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Kbalifa, that continued disputes between Arab countries "will only benefit the enemies of the Arah nation, foremost of which is the Zionist enemy (Israel)" he said.



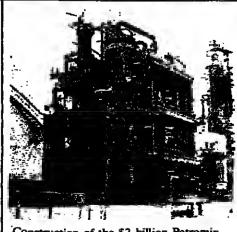




cement. Demand for this vital commodity has stabilized, even dropped slightly, as construction activity in the Kingdom slows. But an upswing is forecast next year, and domestic producers will for the first time outsell importers. Cover photos by Muhammad Ibrahim. Page 26



increased government protection and the chance to export their products to neighboring countries. Page 21



Construction of the \$2 billion Petromin Shell refinery at Jubail will begin shortly by a consortium of five foreign firms and joint ventures. The mammoth project will take nearly three years to complete. Page

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#### GCC'S GOALS

Interior Minister Prince Naif modestly voiced-the goals of the Gulf Cooperation Council interior ministers when he said their key desire was to "look for peace and tranquility. noninterference in the affairs of others, respect of others and the realization of the desire of the region's people to live in peace."

While the decision by the GCC interior ministers to sign a comprehensive security agreement between its members follows Prince Naif's desire, it goes far beyond that and should be emphasized as an important step which, when carried out, could result in a multitude of long-range benefits.

First and foremost, of course, are the obvious immediate results which have been reinforced by the interior ministers themselves, that even now, any infringement upon the internal security of any GCC member will be considered as an action against the council as a whole. This "all-for-one, onefor-all" position in effect warns any foreign power which might have been considering any action which would threaten the sovereignty of any GCC member that such a plan, even before the security agreement is officially in effect, could have dire consequences.

This one action, therefore, has helped to strengthen the Arab world and help ensure peace in the Middle East while other more permanent measures are being prepared. At the same time, after the recent attempt by subversives to cause trouble in Bahrain, it guarantees that anyone who has such motives will think twice or turn elsewhere.

The GCC is to be commended for its progress, made in such a short time, and in many areas. This latest decision on the part of the GCC interior ministers could not only have merit and meaning to its members — Saudi Arahia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman — but could lead to the unification of the Arah nation. If such an agreement can work hetween these six states, then its operation could also allow all the Arab nation to see that such an agreement would be of great benefit to them.

#### Saudi Arabian press review

security after the meeting of the interior ministers of the six nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and the proposed meeting to be held in occupied Arab Jerusalem by the Political Committee of the European Council in May, were the main topics for editorial comment in Wednesday's news-

papers.
On Gulf security, Al-Riyadh said it is the responsibility of the whole Arabian Gulf countries. The paper called for the establishment of a strong collective Gulf front capable of "encountering the existing dangers and ambitious designs threatening this strategic part of the world.

Referring to the security cooperation agreements signed by the Kingdom, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, the paper said the accords reflect "the genuine desire of the Arab Gulf states to pool their capabilities for defending their lerritories against foreign destructive ideologies and threats spearheaded by the Iranian regime which has unveiled its vicious ambitions and hatred to the Arahian Gulf people in collaboration with the Zionist entity."

It called for the creation of a deterrent Gulf security force to face such dangers and preserve the

ity is an integral part of the Arab nation's security. Referring to the GCC interior ministers' meeting. the paper stressed that Gulf security is a completion of the Arab

"since the strategic position and the huge natural resources of the region have made it a target for regional and international malici-

Gulf people.

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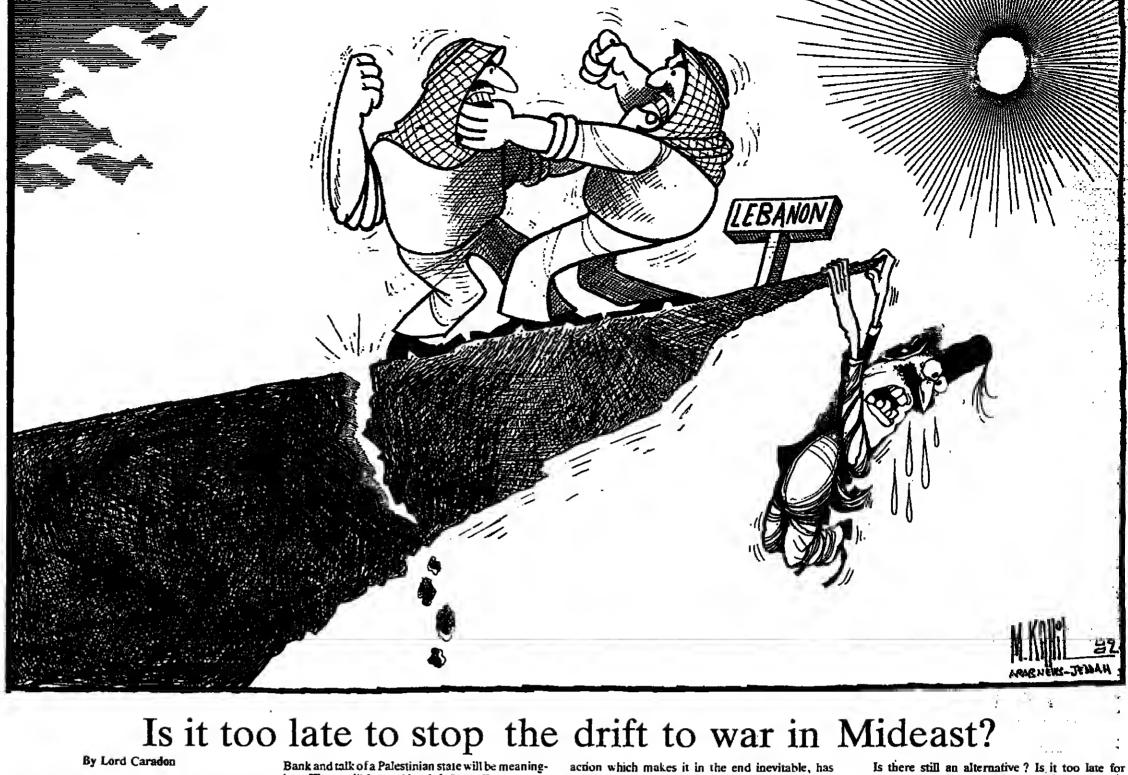
The need for reinforcing Gulf sovereignty and integrity of the

whole Arab world," it said.

ous ambitions and conspiracies."

GCC interior ministers' meeting as a gigantic step for laying down a strong foundation for a joint Gulf protection and stability for the

Dealing with the decision of the Political Committee of the Euro-



It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palesi-

So said the Balfour Declaration in 1917. But now we have come to a stage when a leading article in the Guardian newspaper speaks of Israeli policy as "an expansionist movement which is eliminating the last traces of Palestinian rights:" and goes on to say "There cannot be much doubt that the permanent subjugation and emigration of the

Palestinians in the West Bank is now Israel's aim. Such conclusions raise urgent, searching ques-

How did the progressive betrayal of the Balfour promise to the Palestioians take place? Is the Israeli policy of colonialization and annexation to continue? Is the persecution of the Palestinians to be carried to the extent of the subjugation and expulsion of the whole people to whom the Balfour promise was made?

And such questions lead on to the most important question of all, the question whether all bopes of a lasting peace in the Middle East must be abando-

As Mayor Elias Freij recently said. "In ten years Israel will have successfully Judaized the West

less. There will be nothing left for us."

These questions demand urgent answers, Is it already too late?

Is there no way to stop the drift to war?

Professor Yeshayahu Leibewitz says that continuation of present Israeli policies will " not only mean the moral degeneration of Israel but a war to the finish not between Israel and two or three million Palestinians but between Israel and the entire Arab world, "

Worse still. The United States continues to encourage Israeli policies by providing massive supplies of money and arms. Meanwhile, the Arab and Muslim world is uneasily, and sometimes unwillingly. turning for help to the Soviet Union. So the struggle between Israel and the Arabs could escalate into a worldwide confrontation and conflict in which both East and West would be involved and everyone would dreadfully suffer, most of all the Israelis and the Palestinians.

These are not n past decades have taken all concerned far down the slope to the precipice of war. So the biggest remaining question of all is whether it is already too late.

The ultimate conflict may be preceded by preliminary violence on both sides including other Israeli attacks on Lebanon or Syria, but the terrifying fact is that already the drift to a major war, and the gone so far that it is difficult to see how it can be stopped let alone reversed. So as we read the signposts to vast disaster what

can be done now? We should oot be deluded by talk of pursuing the Camp David process of alleged autonomy for the Palestinians, while their lands are being taken from them for Israeli settlements and Israeli military outposts. The Israelis have tried to contend that the promised "full autonomy" should apply to people not to territory (for the simple reason that intend to annex the territory) - a formula to give " the benefit of annexation without the cost, indeed adding insult to annexation. The pathetic figure of poor Sol Linowitz was brought back to the stage. He was employed by the previous United States administration to talk optimistically about progress in the autonomy talks while they remained in total deadlock. He now returns to tell us that " no insolvable problems stand in the way" of progress between Israel and Egypt on Palestinian self-rule. But no one believes him, least of all President Mub arak who insists that the Palestinians must be coosu-Ited on their own future.

It is surely necessary to look at the whole problem again realizing that peace cannot be achieved and Israel can never be secure if it relies on subjugation of the Palestinians and military confrontation with

another international initiative? Maybe. But everyone involved has a obligation to stop and think

of the two sides are too deep-seated to allow agreement one with the other in direct negotiation, or as a result of intervention by East or West alooe. Second, it follows that for security in a lasting peace both the United States and the Soviet Union must participate in the settlement, and it is important and encouraging to remember that not so long ago (in October 1977) the two superpowers were prepared to make an agreed joint statement of pol-

icy based on the unanimous Security Council Resolution 242 of 1967. The basic principles of selfdetermination for the Palestinians and security for Israel, one dependent on the other, have long won world wide support.

tioo are all too obvious. The Israeli government is pressing on with policies of aggressive provocation. the Arab and Muslim world is divided mainly by reactions to the Iraq-Iran war, relations between the two superpowers are adversely affected by the Russian policies in Afghanistan and Poland, and American obsession with cold war rivalry.

should degenerate into violent chaos and destruction, and the very seriousness of other existing disputes and confrontations in the world is a powerful argument in favor of an independent and impartial international initiative which can save Israel from its present dangerous isolation and enable the Palestinians in peace to turn to establish their own govemment in their own country, and save the world There still may be time.

regard at last to the Balfour undertaking to the

#### Army indiscipline poses challenge to Rawlings The Gbana News Agency (GNA) reported that a

Flight-Lt. Jerry Rawlings and his revolutionary government are facing the first real test of their authority over Ghana's 12 million people following two weeks of killings and disturbances in major

Since proclaiming a "holy war" against corruption when seizing power on New Year's eve. Flight-Lt. Rawlings bas repeatedly appealed to the 12,000 troops who patrol city streets day and night not to commit "barbaric acts" against their superior officers or civilians.

Informed sources say discipline remained high for about a month after the coup with relatively few reports of barassment of traders, foreigners and declared "enemies of the revolution" and with soldiers who misbebaved being severely punished. But just over a formight ago, discipline began to detenorate, first in the regional capitals, then to a lesser degree in Accra, the sources add.

Military sources say that in the western coastal city of Takoradi, home of the second infantry battaion which suffered heavy losses at the hands of Rawlings' troops on the day of the coup, soldiers rounded up senior officers and summarily executed three of them.

A week later, troops of the Sixtb Battalion in Tamale, the northern regional capital, locked up "The GCC is not an isolated senior officers in the battalion guardroom. Evewilregional treaty as anti-Arab pow- nesses say at least one officer was executed. Military sources say the ranks are hostile toward their superiors because many officers grew rich on lucrative contracts and import licenses granted by the adminsecurity is of vital importance istration of ousted President Hilla Limann in exchange for loyalty.

> Officers cooperated with military intelligence in a campaign to dismiss from the army and in some cases brutalize associates of Rawlings and others deemed to be potential revolutionaries, the sources

Since the Tamale and Takoradi incidents, violence has spilled out of the barracks and into the security cooperation to ensure streets. Eyewitnesses said that on Feb. 8 in Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city, an army officer who had interrupted a service at a church was beaten to death by an angry congregation.

The ruling People's National Defense Council pean Council to hold its meeting in (PNDC) had proclaimed Feb. 8 a day of "thanksgivthe occupied Arab Jerusalem, ing and prayer for the revolution." The eyewitnes-Al-Nadwa said the Kingdom's sessaid the incident set off a chain of violence which warning to the Europeans against threw the city into a panic for almost a week. The bolding such a meeting there refl-next day soldiers dumped the badly-mutilated body ects the Kingdom's keenness to near the central market, they said, adding that the preserve the Arab status of Jerusa- market had remained virtually closed for several days with traders afraid to approach the area.

Informed sources say soldiers also shot and killed a policewoman member of the congregation as she lay in a hospital bed recovering from a slight wound received while trying to disarm the officer. Travelers reaching Accra from Kumasi say shoot-

ing was beard throughout the city for four days and that civilians who ventured outside their own neighborhood walked with their hands raised in surrender. They add that the city is now quiet. The PNDC has ordered an immediate inquiry into other shooting incidents in Kumasi. Cape-

Coast and Takoradi. Informed sources say that three weeks ago, the bodies of three soldiers and five civilians were found in Takoradi. PNDC Information Secretary Ato Ausun has appealed to soldiers not to shoot at random and PNDC member Alolga Akatapore has said any soldier or policeman who molested civilians would be

punished as "an enemy of the revolution." Sources close to PNDC headquarters say the ruling body is concerned that divisions among those who support Rawlings should not be allowed to broaden. In Accra, civilians generally obey the soldiers,

who race through the streets ar breakneck speed in armored cars. Streets are quiet as few and fewer traders come to sell near the central "Makola" market, razed by fire more than a month ago.

Eyewitnesses said flogging of traders, a feature of Rawlings' four-month first coup in 1979, had begun again as soldiers' patience had run out with traders not obeying PNDC orders to "voluntarily" reduce

soldier had shot and killed a Ghanaian official of the Swiss airline. Swissair, at Accra airport. A policeman had meanwhile shot a man in the nearby port city of Tema for violating the curfew by stepping outside to urinate, GNA said. The man's wife told GNA there was no toilet in the house. Informed sources say a growling atmosphere of

fear has led to shortages of basic necessities such as bread, milk and matches and slowed the flow of food to markets. The PNDC has given traders until Feb. 23 to bring out hoarded slocks after which troops will mount house-10-house searches. Student violence has also been rising and PNDC Education Secretary Ama Ata appealed to students

in a broadcast this month to stop physical violence against teachers and headmasters and "wanton destruction" of property. Evewitnesses said secondary school studeots in paramilitary dress were busy in Accra filling potho-les, dearing rubbish and filling sandbags under mili-

tary supervision. Sources close to the PNDC say the government is worried by evidence of growing indiscipline among

soldiers and civilians but add that despite disruptions students had tripled the flow of cocoa, Ghana's main export earner, to the ports. Rawlings says instability is the price Ghana must

pay for the radical restructuring of its society which he envisages and which many have said they want. 'There will be no stability until every Ghanaian bas food, clothing and sbelter, the necessities of life,"

### Letter to the editor

Clarification

Sir,
The Embassy of Belgium in its capacity as president of the European Economic Community berewith wishes to clarify certain points regarding the forthcoming visit of certain members of the Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly to Jerusalem.

The Council of Europe is an organization completely different from the European Economic Community. - The Council of Europe has 18 members and

groups from almost all countries of Western Eur- The European Economic Community has 10 member states only and has its beadquarters in

Brussels (Belgium). -The Council of Europe consists of three institutions: the committee of ministers of foreign affairs of the 18 member states; the consultative assembly

which bas its seat in Strasbourg (France) and consists of 147 delegates from the parliaments of the 18

member states; and the secretariat in Strasbourg. The Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe has established within its framework several committees such as the "political committee". It is precisely the latter committee which has taken the decision to meet in Jerusalem next May.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has recently issued a communique stating that the views of members of the Consultative Assembly do not reflect the opinion of the council. This means that in no case the fortbeoming visit to Jerusalem may be seen as implying a recognition by the council of Israel's policy.

The Embassy of Belgium wants to stress again that the European Economic Community and the Council of Europe are two different organizations altogether.

Embassy of Belgium,

First, it is surely essential that a new initiative sbould be international. The antagonisms and fears

The adverse circumstances of the present situa-

But it is in no one's interest that the Middle East from the overwhelming danger of a world war,

And a comfort moreover after so long to pay



Today is Thursday, Feb. 25th, the 56th day of 1982. There are 309 days left in the year. Highlights in bistory on this date:

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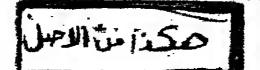
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Secretary Michael Blumenthal's visit to China as 'clear encouragement" of Chinese aggression against Vietnam. 1981 — Spanish parliament endorses new cabinet after reconvening session interrupted previ-

ous day by attempted coup by civil guards. Thought for today: Nothing is ever accomplished by a reasonable

man — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-bom author-playwright (1856-1950).



# In Wood, Holden deaths L.A. coroner accused of revealing too much, living 'Quincy' role

LOS ANGELES — (R) — As the coroner to the stars on television, Dr. Tito Noguchi is a Japanese-born pathologist who writes the final chapter on the lives of film stars with a flair for publicity a press agent would envy.

But Dr. Nogucbi, the Los Angeles Coroner
and the prototype for the television series Quincy, has recently been under fire from officials, criticized by actors and had his men-hods quesnoned by a leading newspaper.

His critics say Dr. Noguchi, a slight, intense man who speaks English with an accent, has allowed his ego to rule the way he works.
His supporters say he is a brilliant pathologist who upholds what he regards as his duty to give the public the facts. When actress Natalie Wood drowned off Catalina Island. 25 miles southwest of here last November, Dr. Noguchi told a press conference that the actress disappeared from the family yacht after an argument on board.

Dr. Noguchi told reporters the argument was between Miss. Wood's husband, actor Robert Wagner, and Christopher Walken Miss. Wood's co-star in her last film, Brainst-

Miss Wood apparently slipped while trying to board a dinghy and drowned, Dr. Noguchi

Asked about the argument on board Wal-ken said abruptly: "I don't recall the coroner being there.

Dr. Noguchi said he had spoken to sherriff's investigators before the press conference, but some investigators denied they had said there was an argument on board. Maybe Noguchi thought there was an argu-

ment," one investigator said. When William Holden died, Dr. Noguchi told a news conference the actor cut his bead on the edge of a bedside table and tried to stem the hleeding with paper handkerchiefs until he lapsed into unconsciousness.

The Actors Guild, a trade union for actors said Dr. Noguchi bad sensationalized the deaths of Miss Wood and Holden.

The Guild sent a letter of protest to the board of supervisors, which is responsible for the coroner's office. The guild spokeswoman, Kim Fellner, complained that Dr. Noguchi

# 'Health age' determined by

WASHINGTON (LOS) - Staywell is probably the swiftest, most computerized, most packaged health check-up in the world. Some 20,000 hlue-collar computer workers are first tested for such things as blood pressure, weight, blood fat and 14 other blood "levels."

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A year later the health checks and questions are repeated and your bealth age reassessed to see if you have taken off any years. The Staywell system is the latest brainchild of the Life Extension Institute, a division of the buge Minneapolis-based Control Data Corporation. Ir is the logical extension of executive bealth plans which the company markets

on a large scale. For the past two years, the bealth age system has been tested among 20,000 bluecollar employees of the corporation. Eighty percent of those invited to take part are keen to do so. Two other large American companies are about to take up the expensive plan.

The financial effectiveness of detecting or preventing illness has yet to be accurately calculated. One important possibility is that bealth age disciplines will eventually cut the cost of companies' health insurance plans. So far all that can be disclosed is that some workers bave become fitter.

Americans often seem crazily, even dangerously, bealth conscious, Joggers, for instance, were not deterred by the recent Arctic temperatures. They simply loped through the snow and black ice. Check-ups are ingrained m the American way of bealth, having originated bere at least partly because of the consumers' wish to avoid large medical bills through early treatment of disease.

Researchers cannot yet pimpoint why relatively, fewer Americans than Britons, for example, die heart disease, but the decline in rates is encouragingly firm. It is thought that less smoking among men, more exercise, lower blood pressures, changes in diets, and the persistent checking may have something

to do with it. Not that the United States is without controversy over health checks. An annual "physical" bas come under increasing attack from the medical establishment as unnecessary and expensive at around \$75 a time.

had gone beyond his duty as a coroner by speculating on the circumstances of the deaths. The board unanimously approved a motion ordering Dr. Noguchi to confine himself to facts.

While the death of a public figure is newsworthy, such a tragedy must be treated with dignity and reserve for the deceased," the motion said.

Dr. Noguchi promptly told reporters if he suppressed information available to his office he would become the most dangerous and powerful man in Los Angeles.

But the criticism has not stopped there. The board has ordered an investigation into Dr. Noguchi's office. Dr. Noguchi's office was also criticized

when a college football star, Ron Settles, was found dead in a jail cell after being stopped for speeding.

The local police described his death as a suicide and said he was found hanging in his cell. A coroner's jury ruled Settles had died "at the hands of another."

The deputy district attorney who headed an investigation into Settles' death, said the coroner's office handled the case in an un professional manner that led to the loss of evidence, mistakes in doing tests and delays.

He added the coroner's office had since adopted new procedures that made him confident that future jail deaths would be tread in a more professional manner. A member of Dr. Noguchi's office, which

handled 17,000 deaths a year, commented on the Settles case saying "we did whatever we felt we could do. The Los Angeles Times published a series of

articles criticizing the working of Dr. Noguchi's office and declared in an editorial: "Dr. Noguchi should spend less time on news conferences and more time making sure that his department takes care of medical evi-

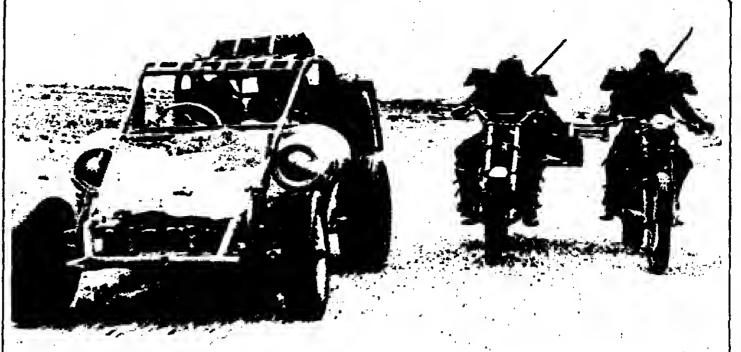
Dr. Noguchi, 54, has so far made little attempt to reply to his critics.

But a member of his office said Dr. Nogu-

chi did not intend to suppress information although he would seek clarification from the board of supervisors if he felt such a step necessary.

Controversy is nothing new for Dr. Nogu-chi, a naturalized U.S. citizen who came to California from Japan in 1952.

He began work at the coroner's office 10 years later and established a reputation as a hard worker before becoming coroner in



LATEST ENTERTAINMENT: "Mad Max 2," above, is an epic film including a wide range of futuristic vehicles. This scene shows gangs of outlaws who, after world wars, roam the countryside on motorcycles and dune buggles lawlessly taking over society. A scene from a new fairy tale, "Time Bandits," below, left, starring time traveler Sean Connery. The film is crammed with wit, fantasy and visual effects. Robert Vaughn, bottom right, is the star in a new television series "Inside the Third Roich."



After 38 movies, three last year

# new computer Nicholson often worries about his fans' reaction; he chooses parts carefully, tries random living

NEW YORK (WP) - Aching passion has been the topic two of the three roles in which Jack Nicbolson bas been featured during the last year. He was Eugene O'Neill, third arm of a love triangle that also included Louise Bryant (Diane Keaton) and John Reed (Warren Beatty) in Beatty's Reds, and be was a drifter who becomes obsessed with Jessica Lange in the film of James M. Cain's The Postman Always Rings Twice.

But as border patrolman Charlie Smith in the movie The Border, which opened recently, the torridly charismatic side of Nicholson's screen character finds his nerve endings frayed, if not deadened. Smith moves from Los Angeles to El Paso with a wife (Valerie Perrine) whom he seems to merely tolerate, baving transferred in a job that has already spiritually defeated bim. Although on one level it's an action-adventure movie, his 38th film (as actor, director or producer) also finds Nicholson asserting his resource-

fulness between the lines. "You should never play anything one way, because then it becomes predictable, there's no highlights, or counterpoint in the thing." Nicholson said the other day in his botel suite overlooking Central Park. "I liked the character. I think he's complex. Certain things that begin to be a problem in the script turn out to be assets. The male-female relationship in The Border is written pretty one-way; it's all played against. If you look at the named script on the page, if you played with what seems to be the temperament of the scenes, they would be too dark, too heavy. So you're almost forced to play it in an opposite way. Which I think gave a third color to it, that

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worked for it. I had to add to it as an actor to

Besides presenting an interesting character to move around in. The Border also gave Nicholson an opportunity to do a visceral action movie." Doing an action movie - I've played all sports and everything like that it's one of the most physically demanding things I've ever done, because of the repetition," be said. "It doesn't mean anything to jump off a car, but to jump off a car 20 nimes -one time gravel's there. I wanted to do an action movie before I was really too old to do it, and be kind of like Orson Welles playing

It's too early to tell whether audiences will acept The Border as an attractive adventure or reject it as a brooding art film. Critical response has been mixed. The response at the box office to Nicbolson in The Postman Always Rings Twice was also divided, depen-

ding on which continent you were one.

Though a flop in the United States. Postman has outprossed Chinatown (one of his most critically acclaimed and commercially successful films) in all foreign territories except Venezuela, Nicholson said. By hindsight, I think I know wby. I'm not being perjorative - but in a way I am - in a film like Body Heat, if you make the audience think it's sexy, you're safe. If you make them feel sexual, you've crossed into a realm of darkness that is not as commercial. In Europe, I think... I know they're a little more relaxed with subjects..."

Nicholson paused there, concentrating as thoroughly throughout the interview as be does in preparing for a film role. His technique: Relaxing until the character "moves in

speak up." is the way he puts it.
"I'm not talking about 'sexy,' or the little diminutives of this vast, dark underworld of sexuality," he said. "But actual sexual. I think the American audience just wasn't ready for it. And not over murder, that's what this story

Praise for Nicholson has been unequivocal for his portrayal of Eugene O'Neill in Beatty's film Reds. Beatty and Nicholson have long been friends. "He asked me to play it for very good superstructural cinematic reasons," Nicholson said. Some of that reason bad to do with Nicholson and Beatty's parity as sex symbols.

After all, Warren Beatty is Warren Beatty," Nicholson said. "And what you need to believe in the party of O'Neill at bottom is an honestly competitive rival for his girlfriend. And somehow, if you think about casting, we have a good level with one another in this

Nicholson, however, is reticent about accepting too much applause for his part in Reds. I love being praised, but after all, my efforts are so minimal compared to his (Beatty's)," Nicbolson said. (The film was directed and written by Beatty, who also stars in it.)

"That ( Reds) is the biggest job anyone's done in Hollywood since I've been there 30 years," he sald. "No one's taken on a job of that magnitude, with so many difficult points in it. The fact that be actually pulled it off is a great achievement. I just played another part in a movie where the conditions for me were ideal - beautifully written part, great actress to work with, a director very sympathetic to the needs of an actor in order to be able to function. In terms of justice, I hope all praise

It is partly the transmission of earthy sexuality, and not the mere suggestion of sexiness, that has contributed to making Nicholson a star. The screen doesn't begin to capture the intensity of the emerald laser that seems to beam from his eyes. But you wonder if rumor, gossip, and the tough tenderness of his screen presence overstated or slighted the position of bedonism in his life.

"I call myself a neo-Spartan bedonist." Nicholson said. "In today's world, the spectrum of bedonism is so broad and deep that you also have to have an antihetical exercise. You have to be in condition to be a hedonist at today's tempo. I've always had a code. I'm sort of open society, but I sort of have a rigid morality. A lot of situations, I can't deal with. I just don't like the shape of it, and I doo't get over that hurdle. I might like it once I was over it. Everybody's code today has paradoxes in it."

Despite his presence in three recent movies, Nicholson basn't worked for more than a year and has no plans to ger hack to work. That is, unless you count his efforts in perfecting his skiing as work, or traveling in southern France over the summer, or spending time m Hawaii with his daughter, who was graduating from high school.

Random living," Nicbolson calls it. "I feel I'm one of the few people alive who can actually do it guiltlessly, so I'm obligated to explore it'

One area of his life he pursues with nearfanatical commitment is attendance at Los Angeles Lakers basketball games. When he's in Los Angeles, he never missed a home game. "It's my favorite entertainment," he

# **Ecologists** criticize sub dumping

WASHINGTON — (WP) — The depth charge was at the bottom of the trawling net, covered with mud and hidden under the blind fish and pale-skinned invertebrates that John Musick had just dredged from the floor of the Atlantic 2 t-2 miles below. After 30 years rusting off the coast of New Jersey, the bomb still was capable of blowing away Musick's 150-foot research vessel.

"That was kind of unnerving." said Musick, a senior marine expert at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. "We got it overboard as fast as we could."

Musick bas been hauling the odd works of man and nature from the deepest parts of the Atlantic for 12 years. He is paid to study ocean garbage dumps and the effect they have on the sea life around them.

Last month Musick and other environmentalists charged rhat a navy proposal to sink five decommissioned nuclear submarines in the ocean could endanger not only sea life, but commercial fishing industry and seafood

"You are dealing with high-level, not low-level radiation," says Musick, who has studied other Atlantic sites where radioactive material has been dumped, including a spot off rbe coast of Maryland where SeaWolf, the world's second atomic-powered submarine, was secretly sunk in 1959. "If there is any radioactive leakage, fish are one possible made of transportation away from a dump site into shallow water."

Navy officials say the alarms are premature and exaggerated. Before any of the five drydocked submarines are scuttled, their nuclear fuel and reactors would be removed. The stainless steel container plants remaining would emit only low levels of radiation, says the navy, and would be sunk too deep to present any danger to the ocean's ecosystem.

Whether the submarines would emit high-or low-level radiation has not been publicly documented, because that information is

Both sides agree that disposing of nuclear submarines is a problem without easy solu-

"With over 100 nuclear-powered suhmarines in operation, the navy is faced with eventual decommissioning of these ships at a future rate of possibly three or four per year over the next 30 years," the navy reported in an environmental-impact notice printed in the Jan. 14 Federal Register. "A permanent means of disposal must be developed that is environmentally acceptable."

In the middle of the dispute is the Environmental Protection Agency, which must grant the navy a permit before it can sink or my anything that has the slightest radioactivity. The EPA's referee is senior staff oceanographer Robert Dyer. He prohably is the most knowledgeable person in the country on both the science and politics of the dumping

"I've conducted six hearings and all the surveys and faced all the hostile audiences." says Dyer, who has earned respect from both sides in the fight, according to environmentalists and navy officials. "I'm in the middle somewhere, and trying to stay there. But it gets tougher all the time."

The fight over submarine disposal is expected to be particularly intense, because it comes at a time when the EPA is drafting new guidelines on ocean dumping. Environmentalists are hoping for a moratorium on all dumping. But last year a presidential advisory committee on oceans and atmospheres concluded that the oceans were being underutilized for dumping. The decision on the submarines, which

might not be made for a year or more, could significantly influence how the more serious problem of overall high-level nuclear-waste disposal is decided. In 1980 there were about 80 million gallons of high-level wastes and 12,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel rods in temporary storage in the United States. There have been proposals to hury the waste in abandoned caves or in natural salt domes. Two years ago the Department of Energy spent 5.9 million to study a plan to "rocket" the waste bundreds of feet into the ocean

Before the United States suspended offsbore dumping of nuclear waste in 1970, thousands of gallons of low-level wastes were dumped into both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In 1975 the EPA reported traces of radioactive leaks from containers 120 miles east of Ocean City, Md. Musick has caught two fisb off the Maryland shore that showed significant levels of radioactivity.

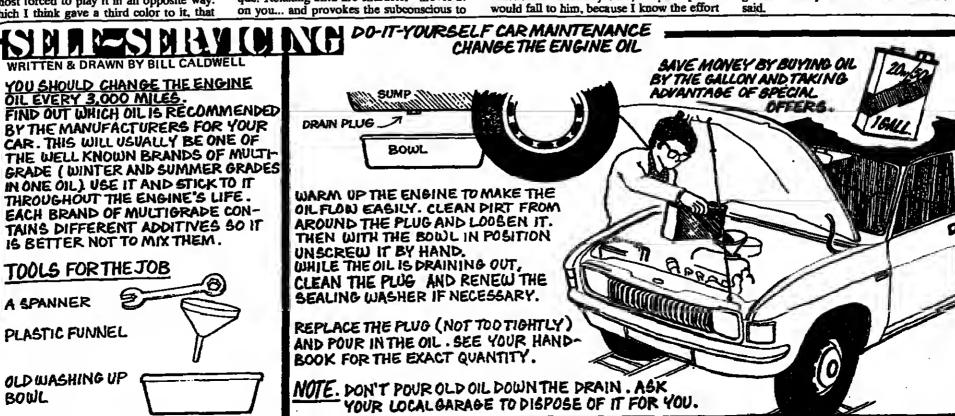
There is definitely a threat to commercial fishing," says Jon Hinck, an official with Greenpeace, an international environmentalaction group. "But the greater implication is of reversing recent U.S. policy on nuclear dumping at sea."

Hinck is afraid that if the United States relaxes its rules on nuclear-waste dumping, it will encourage other countries such as Great Britain and France to do the same.

But the EPA's Dyer says that if the navy shows the radiation levels from its submarines are within limits set by the 1972 Ocean Dumping Treaty, which was ratified by the United States, his agency will have little choice but to grant a permit.

"You can guess almost every environmental lobby group will not like it, and the public will not like it," says Dyer, who adds his agency will be obliged to make its decision primarily on data alone. "They will give me 100 reasons of an emotional nature against it. But from the preliminary numbers I have seen, in no way, shape or form will (the submarines) exceed those definitions."

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Enhancing or consuming the art world?

# Getty left his museum \$1.3b legacy, chaos in the art market could result

LOS ANGELES, (LAT) - In 1976, J. Paul Getty died and the art world was stagge-red by reports that he left \$700 million in oil stocks to his art museum in Malibu, Calif. As it turned out, that was just the start. After more than five years of legal entanglements, the Getty legacy is expected to come out of probate any day now. When it does:

- The \$700 million gift in Getty Oil Co. stock will have appreciated to almost \$1.3 hillion. That would make the J. Paul Getty Museum the richest in the United States and probably in the world.

 Executors and lawyers handling the estate have been awarded \$26.4 million.

- The museum could be required by federal tax law to spend nearly \$54 million the first year and similar sums year after year... All might seem tranquil at the Malihu mus-

eum, but there is plenty of ferment 17 miles away at its downtown offices. There, museum President Harold Williams and his coterie of program development officers and investment counselors are trying to figure out how best to invest the fortune and distribute the income growing out of those investments.

As Getty representatives scout the world for prime art and prime staff people to care for it, the people back at home have their own problems. Among them is determining how to spend all that money without causing chaos in the art market, alienating financially pressed museum colleagues and heing what Getty Museum Director Stephen Garrett calls "arrogant. flagrant and dollar-waving."

It will not be easy. It took only \$4.5 million to run the Getty Museum last year, and even the far larger Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York operates on \$27 million a year. No other U.S. museum will have the Getty's dollar power, and Williams spends considerable time explaining how the Getty sees itself as enhancing the art world rather than consum-

Not that the Getty will give the money away. Unlike such grant-making foundations as Ford or Rockefeller, the Getty is an operating foundation and that means it must be involved in the programs that it funds.

What might those programs be? Some possibilities: A technology sophisticated art research and study center, probably at a site other than Malibu, and expansion of the Getty's photo archives, conservation activities, lihrary and fellowships. The Getty may also provide link-ups with research centers around the world, put money into scholarly art publishing and expand to include another Los Angeles museum facility.

Formal spending plans are still months away, however, and Harold Williams' sentences are laden with generalities, assumptions and qualifiers. His only unqualified remark: This institution will make what is prohably the largest single contribution to the arts field of any public or private institution in the world over the next decade."

When J. Paul Getty began collecting art, he wrote in his 1976 autobiography, As I See It (published after his death), he bought "wbat pleased and appealed to me and I bought for myself." In The Joys of Collecting another of the nine books he authored. Getty described launching his lifelong passion in the Orient in 1912 with the purchase of two Chinese hronzes and some pieces of carved ivory. Next came a painting by Van Goyen in 1930, followed over the years with Greek and Roman antiquities. French decorative arts, more and more Renaissance and Baroque paintings.

Gerty's treasures accumulated, and in the early '50s, Getty accountant Norris Bramlett suggested the tycoon start a museum and get a charitable tax deduction. In 1953, Getty set aside five rooms of his Malibu ranch house and did just that.

"It was very small scale," recalls Bramlett. now vice chairman of the museum trustees. "If we bad 8 or 10 people in one day, it would · be a crowd."

Although Getty himself moved abroad, the crowds and collection kept growing at the ranch house, expanding into the living room, even into the central hallway, until Getty finally opted for a new building altogether. In 1970, construction started down the hill on Getty's re-creation of the classical Villa dei Papiri, a Roman villa at Herculaneum.

The Museum's new \$17 million bome (which is located in Los Angeles city limits, hut uses a Malibu mailing address) opened in 1974 to mixed reviews and plenty of visitors. About 300,000 people amble through its quiet gardens and galleries each year, and 2.5 million have visited to date.

Oilman Getty never saw the new museum before he died in 1976. He had run it by phone from England. Yet museum staff members say he approved (and frequently initiated) every purchase, and Getty himself served as museum director until his death.

The museum was willed 4 million shares of Getty Oil stock, an asset valued then at ahout \$700 million. The estate has been delayed more than five years in reaching the museum because of lawsuits and tax disputes during which time the stock split 4 to 1 and the museum profited from two well-timed stock sales and high interest rates.

Getty endowed the museum with more than \$40 million before his death, but museum staffers have said publicly that they were surprised that he left such a hig chunk of his estate to the museum.

"He always said we should get by on what we had," says Burton Fredericksen, curator of paintings, "but because he had few other philanthropies, it wasn't obvious to whom else he would give it so the hope was there."

# Heart bypass complicated, common; Kissinger joked about his operation

WASHINGTON (LOS) - As Dr. Henry Kissinger jokes his way in characteristic style through his "excellent recovery from a gruelling four-and-a-half-hour triple bypass operation, the value of such operations is the subject of renewed controversy.

About 100.000 Americans a year bave bypass surgery at a cost of around \$15,000. Kissinger's bypass was one of 650 that will be carried out this year at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. According to a hospital spokesman, the triple bypass, although the most complicated, is very com-

Surgeons take a piece of vein from the leg and connect it to bypass obstructed coronary arteries, thus bringing an uninterrupted supply of oxygenated blood from the aorta to the heart muscles. The blockage caused by years of silting is side-stepped. and the patient can expect renewed vigor and a longer life.

As doctors attempt to undo the damage caused by this foremost disease of the Western life-style, the chief unanswered questions are: how long and vigorous is the renewed life? And could alternative meas-

ures prove as satisfactory. Available evidence put torward at a recent meeting of the National Institutes of

Health here suggests that life expectancy is improved and that the quality of life may be "miraculously" improved for those patients whose main coronary arteries are narrowed by more than 50 percent, or who have serious blockage in all three coronary vessels.

Some heart specialists at that meeting, however, suggested that hypass surgery is unnecessary and risky for people without such severe blockages, and that alternative treatments might achieve the same effect.

Different methods were considered for Kissinger, who complained of persistent shoulder pains, but all the tests indicated emergency surgery was needed. One coronary artery was completely blocked, and two others significantly narrowed. Such hlockages could bave led swiftly to heart attack or sudden death.

Possible alternatives for less severely affected patients include "beta-blocker" heart drugs and strict advice on smoking, exercise and diet. The -newest and most challenging treatment is a halloon device, which removes the need for surgery. A sausageshaped halloon attached to a fine tube is threaded through an artery into the cornoary blood vessels.

It is then inflated to squash the soft fat lining the artery walls. Although no one seems to know what happens to the squashed fat, the two-hour operation has proved

Frugality in the extreme

NASA refuses Spacelab ownership,

as effective as coronary bypassing for some patients — and it is less risky than surgery. Perhaps 10 percent of bypass candidates could benefit from this procedure. If the fat has calcified, however, the technique will

not work. Another alternative, when the problem is a hlood clot obstructing the coronary arteries, may be to dissolve clots gradually with a slow injection of streptokinase through a tube. This substance, made from a purified bacterial material, was first used to dissolve

clots in vems. Assessing the long-term success rate for coronary bypasses is difficult. Repeat operations are sometimes carried out, and much will depend on bow receptive the patient is to advice on changing his life style. Kissinger must now lose weight — about 20 lbs say his doctors. Aged 58, he weighed in for his operation at 203 lbs, far above the desirable weight for his 5ft 8ms.

Kissinger joked before the operation that he was "open to negotiation" on that. He also quipped that he wished he could have a a quadruple bypass to be one step ahead of the present Secretary of State, Alexander

Haig, who has also had a bypass operation. Ultimately, what doctors in the United States find most encouraging is that the heart disease death rate has declined by 25 percent over the past 10 years.

#### **NEXT WEEK** DR. STEINCROHN

**DISCUSSES** Saturday, Feb. 27

High cholesterol isn't the greatest danger to the neart. There are other factors that may be more important, Hypertension is one. Think of the package: obesity, hypertension, smoking, high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides, possible diabetes and abnormal tension.

Sunday, Feb. 28 In an experiment with two groups of rats, if you deprive one group of exercise and put them on a program of eating one day and fasting the next, the sedentary, semistarvation regimen. actually prolongs their lives.

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Tuesday, March 2

There are satisfactions in both writing a medical column and in treating patients face to face.

Wednesday, March 3

· Calcium and beta blockers help patients with angina.: But there is a differences between the two.

# \$17m in U.S. import duty avoided

WASHINGTON: (WP) - Everybody knows how frugal the Reagan administration is hut the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may have carried frugality beyond a conservative Republican's wildest

By Thomas O'Toole

NASA took possession recently of something called Spacelah, a fully equipped laboratory developed and huilt by the European Space Agency, at a cost of \$900 million, to fly inside the cargo hay of America's space shuttle. But while it took possession of Spacelah, NASA refused to take ownership of it because it would have had to pay an import duty of almost \$17 million on it if it did.

"Spacelab has had a curious history," said one source familiar with both the European and American sides of the transaction. "It's almost as if nobody wants to own it."

First, said the source, ESA insisted on keeping ownership of Spacelab because that's the way ESA's 10 member states wanted it. That's all right with us, NASA replied, as

long as ESA takes over third-party liability. Well, ESA hesitated, that's not what we had in mind so why don't we transfer ownership of Pacelah to NASA. Wonderful, said NASA, until it learned it would have to pay an import duty of about 8 percent on the estimated Spacelah worth of almost \$200

million. "In effect, NASA refused to take ownership and that's where it stands," said the source. "ESA owns it but NASA has it."

Even though it still owns it, ESA formally turned over Spacelab to NASA at a ceremony held at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, said ESA's Michel Bignier: "this is a very important step for Europe, the first time it has truly been involved in manned spacefiight. The next step is the actual flight of Spacelah. We hope it will not be the end hut the start.

Spacelah will fly for the first time in September 1983, the minth flight the space shuttle will make. It will carry 16.5 tons of scientific instruments designed and huilt by 70 scientists from the United States and Western Europe. Already scheduled are three more Spacelah flights through 1985, including one that will carry ultraviolet telescopes to take the first look at Halley's comet as it begins to

approach the earth. Spacelab will be manned by two scientists, one from the United States and the other from Europe. They will enter Spacelab through a tunnel connecting the laboratory with the space shuttle's crew cabin, which they will share with the astronauts flying the shuttle.

A second Spacelab will be delivered by ESA in 1983 to NASA, which will buy the second laboratory and accept ownership. But NASA, is still wrestling with a \$17 million import duty on the second Spacelab, which it would rather not pay.

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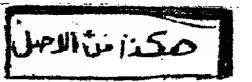
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# Defense budget will help U.S. regain strength -- Weinberger

LONDON, Feb. 24(AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposed 1983 defense spending program of \$258 billion, the higgest in U.S. history, will put more muscle into the whole American economy, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger asserted in a British television interview Tuesday night.

Speaking in his office at the Pentagon, the secretary was asked if the huge sum — more than one-third of the entire budget — will not weaken the economy and thereby undermine the Western world more than strengthn it. Weinberger said the "simple fact" is that defense spending strengthens the economy because it requires investment "on a substantial scale in our industrial base.

Later in the interview with Richard Kershaw of the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC), the secretary said that the Pentagon budget generates revenues, while large cuts in defense spending have "only a minimal effect on the national deficit. The deficit is large, but that's the product of what we believe are wrong and failed economic policies of

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President Reagan's total budget package of \$757.6 billion for fiscal 1983 has yet to be approved by congress. Weinberger said. "1 never predict what the Congress is going to do." While approval "gets progressively harder' each year, the Pentagon last year "got a very, very, large increase," he noted. The interview was screened by the BBC national network in a series called "American Attitu-

Weinberger acknowledged the defense expenditure is "a very large sum, but it is essential to defend our peace and freedom. He said the Soviet Union increased its milit-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Agencies) -

The United States is keeping a destroyer

equipped with sophisticated electronic gear

off the coast of El Salvador to listen in on

radio communications in the area. Penta-

Defense officials who asked not to be

identified waved aside suggestions that the

warship was meant to be a show of force. A

single destroyer does not pack enough

comhat power for that, they said. Although

intelligence gathering methods are closely

guarded, it is known that the destroyers of

the Spurance class are fitted with the most

advanced equipment for what is called

The Deo, on station in the Pacific of El

Salvador since January, and the Caron,

which recently relieved it, are both of the

Spruance class. It could not be determined

whose radio traffic was being intercepted.

But the ship would be in a position to over-

hear communications among guerrillas

units in El Salvador and between those units

and supporters in neighboring Nicaragua.

The sources said the relief of the Deo indi-

communications intelligence.

gon sources said Tuesday evening.

ary spending "steadily each year" and built "significant leads in some areas."

He said it will take the United States a long time to regain the momentum it lost in the defense rundowns in the 1970s," and we simply have to make these very large investments to regain enough strength, not superiority. enough strength to deter aggression against us or our allies. It's a very expensive busi-

The United States had military superiority over the Soviets in the 1950s, when it was much cheaper to maintain the peace, "but that has eroded now," he said.

Weinberger said the world has been wit nessing a "one nation arms race" by the Soviet Union" we have a gap that is very real and is opening in a number of areas. We still have great strength but we do have a need for modernization, for greatly increased readiness and complete redoing of all the strategic weapons, all in the same year, which is a difficult thing."

On the argument that no more nuclear arms are needed because there are already enough to "destroy each other many times over," the secretary said that with the "modemized and enormous additions the Soviets have made to their strategic weapons, the West might not have the counterforce power to hit back after a Soviet first strike. "So our goal is to make sure we have sufficient strength to deter that first strike and keep the peace by being strnng," he said.

Weinberger said he is confident the Soviets will negotiate arms reductions seriously when they realize" our determination and our resolution is there to stay the course." He said the talks in Geneva on reducing intermediate

Reacts coolly to Mexican peace proposal

U.S. ship patrols Salvadoran coast

cated the intelligence-gathering mission would continue for an indefinite future.

the Salvadoran civilian-military govern-

ment of Jose Napoleon Duarte with military

advisers and technicians and growing amo-

unts of equipment, but so far has not enga-

coolly to a peace plan for Central America

proposed by Mexican President Jose Lopez

Portillo, saying it could succeed only if Nic-

aragua ceased arming guerrillas in El Salva-

Despite Nicaraguan denials, State Depa-

rtment spokesman Dean Fischer said Nica-

rguan trafficking in arms to guerrillas oppo-

sing the U.S.-hacked Salvadoran junta "has

not abated." But be provided no specifics.

"We have stressed a fundamental point:

that any successful effort to address these

issues can take place only when Nicaragua-

ceases its support to the guerrillas in El Salvador. This has not occurred," Fischer

President Lopez Portillo, in a speech in

The State Department Tuesday reacted

ged in overt military action.

The United States has been supporting

nuclear weapons are "gning well," and talks on strategic weapons are expected — he could not name a date.

Weinberger said the \$700 million allocated for chemical weapons is a means of reacquiring capability for defense against the "enormous' chemical arsenal developed by the Soviets, while the United States was dismantling its supplies in 1969 and 1970.

On the growth of the European antinuclear arms movement, he commented: "It's perfectly understandable that penple don't want to fight a war and don't want nuclear weapons in place. But the goveroments involved realize that one of the best ways of preventing that is to be strong, and to have (such a great) ability to respond to attack that the attack won't come."

He said unilateral disarmament by the West, in the sense of detente, the Salt negoriations and "ears of good feeling, never deterred the Soviets' military growth by one iota."

Weinberger said that growing demands in Western Europe for the withdrawal of U.S. forces might revive congressional demands to pull out." Isolationism is never very far frnm the surface," in the United States he remar-

He was asked about U.S. support for what the interviewer called "dubious regimes" in Central America, and replied that Europe would be "very seriously disadvantaged if there were a Communist-led or Communistcontrolled bastion of great strength on the mainland of the United States." It would be infinitely more difficult for the United States to fulfill its global commitments if that happ-

Managua, Nicaragua, Sunday, said Mexico

"could be in a position to provide guarant-

ees" to ease U.S. concerns about the conse-

quences of a negotiated resolution of the

crisis in El Salvador, Lopez Portillo also

said he saw "real possibilities for dialogue

to be converted into negotiations' between

the United States and Cuha, which the Rea-

gan administration also accuses of sending arms to the Salvadoran leftists, mostly thro-

The State Department's unenthusiastic

reception for Lopez Portillo's peace propo-

sal appeared somewhat in contrast to frequ-

ent assertions by Secretary of State Alexan-der Haig that relations between Mexico and

the United States have never been hetter.

Although the department has never publ-

icly confirmed it, official sources have said

Mexico belped arrange a meeting between

Haig and Cuhan Vice President Carlos Raf-

Mcanwhile, Nicaragua has joined Cuba

in welcoming Lopez Portillo's peace sugges-

ael Rodriquez last year in Mexico City.

ugh Nicaragua.

#### Carrington reacts tersely to Haig aside

BRUSSELS. Feb. 24 (AP) - British Fnreign Secretary Lord Carrington reacted tersely and wryly Tuesday to reports that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig called him a "duplicitous bastard."

It was Carrington's first direct reaction to temarks Haig reportedly made to staff members during a freewheeling private discussion last October. "I'm only thankful that I don't bave people like that around me who tell tales, or whatever it was," Carrington told reporters. He declined to elaborate, beyond saying he was talking about Haig's staff, the apparent source of the leak.

According to the report, Haig made the remark about Carrington during a discus-sion of British policy toward Israel and Arab countries. Spokesmen for both officials have asserted that Carrington and Haig have an excellent relationship.

# Atlantan rebuts

ATLANTA. Feb. 24 (R) - Wayne Williams, testifying in his own defense. Tuesday launched a point-by-point rebuttal of the prosecution's case that he was the mass murderer who terrorized the black community of

Williams, 23, was continuing testimony he began Monday when he took the witness stand and declared, "I haven't killed nobody. I haven't thought about killing nobody and 1 dnn't plan on killing nobody." The self-styled music promoter and free-lance photographer is charged with murdering Jimmy Ray Payne and Nathaniel Cater but the prosecution has also introduced testimony accusing him of 10 other murders.

Williams said that one witness who testified against him, Ken Hindsman, had done so because he held a grudge against him. Hindsman had testified that he had seen Williams with a victim. Williams also denied he had once told music promoter Sharon Blakeley that he would confess to the murders if law enforcement officials showed him they had a

He then disputed a police account of the circumstances surrounding his car being spotted moving slowly across an Atlanta River bridge early in the morning of May 22 last vear. Officers heard a loud splash in the river which they thought might have been caused by a body.

no other traffic on the bridge for several minutes before or after Williams was spotted, the defendant insisted there were at least two other cars in front of him at that time. He also insisted on an alihi which FBI agents have testified could not be verified

# killing charges

Atlanta for two years.

convincing case against him.

While the officers had testified there was

#### **BRIEFS**

LONDON (AP) - Publisher Rupert Murdocb Tuesday reported progress with union leaders on his demands for 600 job cuts at the money-losing London Times newspapers and said there was bope of saving the papers. Murdoch said print union leaders had agreed to more than 100 layoffs at The Times and its sister newspaper, The Sunday Times. But he said be was still looking to cut 600 jobs from the newspapers' 2,600-strong work force to reduce losses running at 15 million pounds (about \$28 million) a year.

LONDON (AP) - Ten percent of Londoners live alone, and the city's population has dwindled by 10.3 percent in the past decade to a total of 6,608,598, according to results of the 1981 census released Tuesday. In 1971. Greater London bad a population of 7,368,693. The British capital is now the world's 11th largest city, more than five million behind Tokyo, the most populous.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Tan Kim Leong was sentenced to death by the high court in Johore Bahru Tuesday after being found guilty of drug trafficking. Tan, a truck driver, had been charged with having 118.7 kg of opium and 3.39 kg of morphine at a customs checkpoint in Johore Bahru in 1977.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Convicted spy Christopher Boyce was sentenced to three extra years in prison Tuesday for escaping from a federal penitentiary two years ago. U.S. District Judge Lawrence Lydick said the three-year sentence would be tacked on the end of the 40 years Boyee was serving at the Lompoc, California, Prison for espionage when be escaped.

PARIS (AFP) — France's first test-tube baby — a girl — was boro Tuesday night at Antoine Beclere hospital in the southwestern Parisian suburb of Clamart, the French Public Hospital Administration announced wed-

PENANG, Malaysia (AFP) — A tremor triggered by an earthquake in north Sumatra rocked Penang shortly after noon Wendesday for nearly half a minute. About 1,000 persons working in a nine-story building were evacuated when the alarm was raised.

WASHINGTON (R) — National Public Radio (NPR) sait Tuesday its board of directors has broken off acquisition talks with United Press International that began last summer. Under the acquisition proposal, UPI would have been donated to NPR by its parent company, E.W. Scripps, allowing Scripps to take a tax write-off because the transaction would have been considered a charitable deduction.

NEW DELHI (AP) - Authorities seized diamonds valued at 16 million rupees (nearly \$1.8 million) from an Air-India flight purser as he prepared to board a flight at Bomhay, the local collector of customs said.

NEW YORK (R) - Publication of Wednesday's New York Times was halted by a lorry drivers' strike, called after the newspaper refused to pay a union leader overtime for work not performed, a Times statement said.

**VOA** completes 40 years

## **Project Truth counters** Soviet 'misinformation'

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — The United Union, and even by Libya and Gabon. States International Communication Agency is fighting Soviet-spawned misinformation about the United States, the director of the USICA, Charles Z. Wick, asserted Tuesday. Project Truth was set up to counter anti-U.S. propaganda released by the Soviet goveroment, he said.

Through Project Truth, a coalition of offi-cials of USICA and the U.S. State and Defense Departments respond to new Soviet propaganda within hours with informational backgrounders to U.S. embassies overseas for use by the local media. Wick said.

Soviet "disinformation" disseminated recently not only bas tried to discredit the United States, he said, but also to divert the world's attention from events in Poland. Wick returned this week from a 23-day tour of European capitals, where be spoke with foreign ministers and information directors.

Addressing a luncheon for members of the Public Relations Society of America, Wick said USICA was "the public diplomacy arm of the United States." Its job is to tell the world about the United States and its policies in a fair and accurate way, he said.

Wick said recent, renewed concerns that the Voice of America would be used as a propaganda instrument were unfounded. VOA, which is the overseas radio network of USICA, broadcasts more than 900 hours a week in English and 38 other languages via short-and medium-wave to an estimated 67 million listeners.

"We do not plan to use VOA or any other arm of the agency as a political arm of the Reagan administration." Wick said, adding that neither President Ronald Reagan nor Secretary of State Alexander Haig bad made such demands.

USICA has an annual budget of \$500 million and 7,800 employees, while the Soviet Union spends \$3.5 billion a year on propaganda and employs 70,000 workers, he said. The agency maintains 201 posts in 125 count-

As such, USICA needs support from the private sector. Labor and sports groups, the motion picture industry and public relations agencies are among those groups which already act as informal representatives for the United States, he said.

Officials say over the next few years VOA, which celebrated 40 years on the air Wednesday, intends to step up the power of its shortwave transmissions in an attempt to reach more people. And, to keep them listening, the message will be a more "contemporary" sound. Particularly, it wants to appeal to

The voice spoke German, to Germany, on Feb. 24, 1942. The first broadcast said: Daily at this time, we shall speak to you about America and the war. The news may be good or bad. We shall tell you the truth." The VOA beams its signals at a strength of

100,000 to 250,000 watts. It intends, over the next two to five years, to step up to 500,000 Terry Catherman, deputy director and a 32-year veteran of U.S. information and cultural programs, says the VOA signals reach Eastern Europe and the European part of the

Soviet Union. But getting heard in the Asian part of the USSR, east of the Urals, is a chancy thing. He estimates that the voice bas a global audience of 103 million, who tune in at least once a week. That doesn't include the Chinese audience, which can't be estimated. A

stronger signal could increase the audience by 50 percent or more, Catherman said. VOA is on the air 900 hours a week, in 39 languages. It carriers 280 newscasts a day as well as music and sports and programs intended to tell about life in America and to give a variety of competing American views on U.S.

There have been recent reports of internal unease among some VOA employees over what they see as efforts to tailor the agency's newscasts to cast a favorable light on U.S.

#### French lover gets jail term for espionage

PARIS. Feb. 24 (AP) — A 38-year-old French chemist, who said he spied for East Germany because he was in love with a woman from Berlin, was sentenced to five years in prison Tuesday by the Paris criminal court. The court, however, suspended 18 months of its sentence against Marcel Aubel, a former employee at the French Petroleum

Auhel has been in prison since his arrest May 10, 1980, and has thus already served more than half of the reduced sentence. His lawyers hope he will be given a conditional release in the next few days.

During the first day of his trial Monday, Aubel testified he met and fell in love with an East German woman named Marianne Arndt, who is now his second wife, on a trip to East Berlin in 1966. He said he married another woman when he returned to France, divorced her in 1972 and then returned to East Berlin to resume his relationship with Miss

"When I arrived in Berlin, I was immediately contacted by two persons who said they were members of a labor union confederation.", Aubel told the court. But I soon found out they were special service agents. I agreed to enter into their game to obtain the necessary authorization to marry Marianne."

Aubel said he never gave the East Germans any important documents. "I only gave them synopses of studies," he testified.

#### After guerrilla attack Ugandan capital limps back to normalcy

Ugandan capital of Kampala returned to near normal activity Wednesday following Tuesday's eight-hour guerrilla attack which left

the city looking like a ghost town. Sbops, offices, banks and embassies which were closed Tuesday because of the rocket and mortar attack opened for business Wednesday moroing and traffic returned to Kampala's streets. Residents reached by telephone from Nairohi said there was only "the normal routine sporadic gunfire" Tuesday

Ugandan Army patrols continued to pick up anyone without proper identification, especially young men. One resident who lives near the Malire Barracks - the target of the guerrilla attack - claimed armed soldiers beat and robbed civilians in the area during

The attack which began early Tuesday morning was the biggest shooting spree in Kampala since guerrillas launched a campaign to topple President Milton Obote a year ago. The guerrillas claim Obote rigged the December 1980 presidential election and

#### Dozier to resume NATO job in Italy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) - U.S. Brig. Gen. James C. Dozier will return to the post from which he was kidnapped by Italian terrorists on Dec. 17, the U.S. army has ann-

Dozier, on bome leave following his ordeal, had asked that he be returned to his post as the senior U.S. officer stationed at the headquarters of Allied Land Forces Southern Europe in Verona, Italy. The Army, citing security reasons, refused Tuesday to say exactly when Dozier would return to his post.

Dozier was seized at his Verona a partment by terrorists disguised as plumbers and taken to Padua, 40 miles to the west. A lighming raid by police commandos ended his 42-day

Appearing on television (the NBC-TV "Today" show) Tuesday morning with his wife Judith, Dozier was asked why he would want to return to Italy, where the Red Brigades might again make bim a prime kidnap

"It's the proper thing to do," be replied. Dozier said the publicity generated by the kidnapping and the resulting security measures would not hamper his ability to do his

"I can get the NATO job done." he said. "But, as Judy has indicated, our life will certainly change. Our freedom of action won't be the same as it was before, and we can't jump into our little Fiat and drive around northern Italy. But I can get the NATO job

have demanded new balloting. The Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM),

one of several guerrilla groups trying to oust Obote, took credit for the attack. It claimed all the soldiers in the Malire Barracks fled and said UFM forces captured large quantities of arms.

Uganda radio Wednesday morning reiterated the government's claim that it had repulsed "an invasion" aimed at toppling Obote. The Ministry of Defense insisted that the guerrillas never entered the barracks.

There was a wide discrepancy in reports of casualties. The UFM claimed that 300 civilians and soldiers on both sides were injured or killed in the attack. Uganda radio, monitored here, quoted a Defense Ministry spokesman as saying two Ugandan soldiers were killed along with 67 guerrillas. It said 10 guerrillas were wounded and an unknown number cap-

A Western relief official said he saw "several bodies" on the road leading from the Malire Barracks on nearby Rubaga hill. A supporter of the opposition Democratic Party said he had received a list of 10 civilians killed and bad personally seen many people helped into Rubaga huspital with gunshot

The UFM claimed its guerrillas fired 60 and 81 millimeter mortars and rocket-propelled grenades from a hill three miles (5-km) from the barracks.

Uganda radin said Wednesday that Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Peter Otai and Information Minister David Anyoti had gone on an inspection tour and seen 25 casings of 60 millimeter mortar shells outside the Roman Catholic cathedral at Rubaga. The broadcast said the priest at Rubaga told the ministers he heard noise but was afraid to leave his house and didn't know where the firing was coming from.

The UFM is headed by Dr. Andrew Kayiira, minister of internal affairs under Yusufu Lule, who was president of Uganda for a brief period after Amin was overthrown in 1979. Its supporters are primarily right-wing Cat-holics and backers of the once powerful Baganda monarchy. The Obote government is also opposed by a more left-wing coalition called the National Resistance Movement.

#### Space debris causes hazard WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AFP) -

Commercial and military satellite launchings have resulted in over 5,000 items of man-made space debris being left in orbit around the Earth, according to United States Air Defense authorities.

Norad, the military command respons-

ible for the air defenses of North America. has disclosed that the space debris, most of it exceeding 10 centimeters (3 inches) in diameter, is concentrated at an altitude below 1,000 kilometers from Earth. The United States space shuttle, which

lasting seven days, orbits the Earth at an altitude of about 250 kilometers. Although the risk of a collision between a spacecraft and such man-made debris is still remote. The number of objects in space

next month will make its third test flight

orbit is becoming a problem. The National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) had to slightly delay the launching of the meteorological satellite Goes - E from Cape Canaveral on May 14, 1981 to avoid the possibility of a collision with the Soviet space station composed of the satellites Salvut -6 and Soyuz

The space debris comes from rockets whose various stages separate before boosting their payload into orbit, old satellites no longer in use and explosives utilized in space launchings. Collisions with meteorites can fragment the dehris into further pieces. The amount of debris has increased by 10 per-

cent in the past 10 years. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) has estimated

that the number of objects in Earth orbit will increase considerably by the end of the century, increasing the collision bazard.

An Alaa report stated recently that a small item of space debris, only one centimeter in diameter, in a low orbit of less than 900 kilometers, was highly dangerous because of its velocity of 10 kilometers a second. Such an object could penetrate an aluminium sheet ' five centimeters thick.

NASA and Pentagon space experts are beginning to take the problem of the space debris seriously because of the increasingly ambinous space programs of the United States, the Soviet Union and Europe.

The successful fourth test of the European Ariane Rocket last December signaled the start of intense commercial rivalry between the United States and Europe for domination of the lucrative satellite market. Experts reckon that about 200 commer-

1983 and 1990. The United States and the Soviet Union will also loft new military devices into orbit as well as permanent space stations during the coming years, according to American

cial satellites will be launched between

ALAA has called for the coordination of research in the United States and elsewhere into the problem of the collision hazard posed by space debris.

"Continuation of present design and operational practices and procedures ensures that the probability of collision will increase and will eventually reach unacceptable levels, perhaps within a decade," it said.

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Ailing Pan Am

woos union to

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NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — Pan American World Airways Inc., hard pressed to end its financial woes, is asking union employees

to approve a change in work rules that would

require more productivity for the same pay.

The airline's chairman, C. Edward Acker,

has been meeting privately with Pan Am

union leaders representing 24,000 workers to

solicit support for the rule changes. Acker

also is seeking union approval to increase Pan

Pan Am reported an operating loss last

year of \$348.4 million, the worst operating performance of any U.S. airline in history.

Analysts also expect the carrier to report an

operating loss for the first quarter of 1982.

endants to work at least 70 hours a month

before they qualify for overtime pay, up from

the present 65 hours monthly. Acker also

said he wants more work for the same pay

Pan Am also intends, if the unions agree, to enter new U.S. air service markets and to

raise its number of flights. And the airline

wants to increase the domestic share of its

own husiness to 40 percent from the present

30 percent and cut the international portion

reflection of the pressures that many other U.S. airlines face, namely slack passenger traffic, high fuel costs and increased competition

from new airlines since the industry was deregulated in 1978. In addition, Pan Am has

been hurt by its \$400 million acquisition of

Taipei firm to run

ships to Europe

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation of Taiwan

will start up a regular service next autumn

between the Far East and Western Europe,

shipping sources said here Wednesday.

This would barden up the already fierce competition on this route, the sources said.

Yang Ming will run four container ships curi-

ently under construction. Calls will be made

at Le Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen,

Competition is expected to increase this June when Maersk of Denmark pulls out of

the Far East Shipping Conference, and will no longer be bound by conference rates;
Some shippers believe Yang Ming could
gain a major share of the business, as its rates

Pan Am's financial difficulties are partly a

Union officials said Acker wants flight att-

Am's flight capacity.

from the four other unions.

to 60 percent from 70 percent.

national airlines in 1980.

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would be highly competitive.

tor interest rate fall

# Fed urges raising tax, cut in spending

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker has urged Congress to cut spending and raise taxes much more than President Reagan wants so that the painfully high U.S. interest rates will fall.

He proposed Tuesday that Congress should come up with another \$20 billion in budget saving over and above the \$56 billion in austerity measures proposed by the president in his budget message two weeks ago. His call for congressional action to reduce the size of federal budget deficits in the years ahead was issued amid signs that the U.S. interest rates may be coming down after several weeks of steady increases.

Several large banks Tuesday cut their prime lending rates from 17 percent to 16.5 percent, while yields on short-term treasury securities fell two percentage points to 12.4 percent. But Volcker warned the House of Representative Ways and Means Committee not to read too much into the recent drop in interest rates. "I would not over-interpret one week's rate." he said.

While, the interest-rate cut was welcome news for borrowers, the financial market reaction was muted, mainly because of another reiteration by Volcker that the central bank is committed to a tight monetary policy to bring down inflation. However, he said an Ameri-

# U.S. sea law stand defended

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — Changes sought by the United States in the law of the sea treaty will not seriously impair the agreement or its chances of being accepted by other nations, former U.S. Amhassador Elliot Richardson said Tuesday.

We've had much more critical stages than this one, said Richardson, former head of the U.S. delegation to the sea law. conference. He said the American government's requ-

'est for changes in the treaty afforded "an opportunity to produce a better treaty," especially in the area of deep-seabed mining. Last month the administration, which withorew the American delegation from the talks in March. announced plans to rejoin

about 150 other nations at the treaty negotia-

But the administration has demanded a treaty with "a pro-development ... thrust" that allows development of deep-seabed resources, It wants assured access for U.S. mining companies and a ban on any monopoliza-tion of undersea mining by an international seabed authority.

The government also wants guarantees that U.S. technology and funds will not be given to "national liberation movements" Richardson, speaking at a conference at

#### Daimler-Toyota tie-up ruled out

STUTTGART, Feb. 24 (AFP) — West day denied reports that it intended to cooperate with Toyota of Japan. A company spokesman said in response to

reports from Japan: "These are rumors and they are baseless. There has never been any question of cooperating or discussing cooperation with Toyota."

The reports bad said that Toyota had already reached agreement in principle with Daimler-Benz on the inclusion of Daimler-Benz diesel engines in Toyota trucks from summer 1984 onwards.

can economic recovery this spring was prob-

Citibank, the second largest U.S. bank led the way in cutting the prime, and was followed by Bankers Trust in New York and First National Bank of Chicago, ranked eighth and ninth respectively. Other banks then started

The prime rate cut, begun Monday by several small banks, came less than a week after the industry boosted the rate it charges its best corporate customers to 17 percent and quickly ended an upward trend that started early this month.

The recent rise in U.S. interest rates has caused alarm in Europe because of worries that high credit costs will stifle recovery from recession, while in America the trend was critized as likely to deepen and prolong the

Tuesday's reductions reflected the lower cost to banks of obtaining funds. Just last week the Federal Funds rate, the interest on overnight loans between banks, had risen to more than 16 percent, hut by Tuesday it had

fallen to just above 13 percent. Last Friday, the Federal Reserve reported that the amount of money in circulation and in chequing accounts fell by \$3.1 hillion, a higger-than-expected decline in the so-called M-1 figure that raised hopes the Fed might he getting the money supply under control.

Columbia University, said the treaty's proposed production limits on mining might be changed "to better attract investment and

generate revenue" for all nations. Richardson, who now is a member of a Republican advisory group on the seal treaty, called the negotiations. a model for future efforts to deal with problems of global interdependence."

Earlier, the head of the Australian delegation to the sea law negotiations cautioned the United States against "overloading" negotiatious when they resume. Keith Brennan said that because of the United States the negotiators would be "reopening matters many believed had already been brought to finality."

NEW DELHI, Feb, 24 (PTI) — While

the removal of poverty is the foremost obje-

ctive of the sixth Five-Year Plan (1980-85),

it is recognized that, given the magnitude of the task, it cannot be accomplished in a

Today there are about 325 million people

living below the poverty line in India. While

the number of such people can be measured

by two standards, viz, absolute measure-

ment and relative measurement, it is the

former that is being used in India. Accord-

ing to this measurement, a minimum level

of consumption expenditure is determined

on the basis of caloric requirement. This

minimum expenditure level is termed as the

overty line.' So the poverty line or the

minimum level of expenditure is taken as a

measure of poverty. This concept has been

The other measure of poverty is the rela-

tive measure. In it, the whole population of

the country is stratified on the basis of inc-

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fact the measure of inequality in the distrib-

ution of income in the country. Through this

adopted by the Planning Commission.

short period of five years.

# China's crop prospects seen fading

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Dry conditions are beginning to raise questions over crop prospects in China and some other major grain areas of the world, a U.S. government report said Tuesday.

Some "very light precipitation" fell over the north China plain during the week of Feb. 14-20, the joint agricultural weather facility

"However, a substantial area along the Yellow River and in Western Henan remained dry, and concern about the dryness seems to be mounting in China," it said. "Temperatures in the area rose above normal but were still mostly too cold for winter grain growth."

Dry conditions prevailed in some important crop areas of South Africa, although harvest prospects for the most part bave not been hurt substantially, the report said.

In the western Soviet Union, generally dry weather continued over most winter grain areas. "Although precipitation has been light for the past." - three weeks, soil moisture conditions remain generally favorable," the

#### **EEC** president to visit Ankara

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24 (R) - Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, the president of the EEC council of ministers, said he would visit Ankara on a date to be fixed to stress the community's hopes for democratization of the regime there.

He told a news conference Tuesday he had a mandate from colleagues in the European Economic Community (EEC) to tell Turkish military leaders how the community sees the political situation there and what it hopes for

Diplomatic sources said the community bad held back until now from sending a toplevel mission to Turkey in case it was interprcted as tacit aproval of the military regime. The change of attitude was brought about by the Turkish generals' promise of a return to democracy and the freeing from jail of former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, the sources

India faces Himalayan task to end poverty

method, efforts are made to estimate the

existing anomalies. When this measure is

followed, then a section of the population

would be termed as poor even in a develo-ped country, although the level of income of

such poor people will be very high in comp-

arison to the poor living in an underdevelo-

ped country like India.

Several studies in India have estimated

the extent of poverty in the rural and urban

sectors. A study group set up by the gover-nment of India in 1962 estimated that an

annual income of 240 rupees is the mini-

mum limit of the poverty line. Using

National Sample Survey data, Pranab K.

Bardhan, an eminent economist, came to

the conclusion that in the year 1960-61, 38

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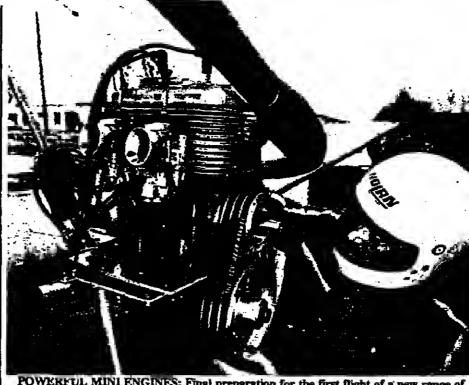
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#### Facing global glut Mexico to reorient oil policy

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24 (R) - Mexico sees bad times ahead for heavy oil exports because of the world oil glut so will try hard to find and export more top-quality light petrol-eum, a spokesman for the national oil mono-

poly, Pemex, said.
"In a relatively short period. Pemex will reorientate its program to exploit and refine light crude," which is comparable in quality to Arabian light oil, the spokesman said. Currently, about half the oil Mexico exports is light Isthmus oil, But Pemex plans raising this percentage to help sell its crude in the face of a worsening oil glut, he said.

"Before, you could sell any kind of oil" the spokesman said. But falling demand and low prices have changed the cousumption structure, he said.

The spokesman declined to comment if this new policy would affect Mexico's long-stated goal of exporting 1.5 million barrels daily.

200 rupees per capita annual expenditure. According to him, 37.1 percent of the peo-

ple in the rural areas were below the poverty line in 1967-68. This was calculated on

the basis of the minimum requirement of

foodgrains only, neglecting other basic nec-

According to the Sixth plan, a per capita daily intake of 2,400 calories is essential in

rural India and this would require a monthly

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A study of the planning process in India

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day reaffirmed that his country, the world's fourth largest oil producer, was committed to the export target.

Mexico's new emphasis on light oil means Pemex would cut its spending programs in Campeche Bay, the offshore heavy oil field in the Gulf of Mexico that produces half the country's crude output, the spokesman said. Instead, Mexico would beavily invest in exploring for light crude in remote areas near the Guatemalan border, he said.

The planned export of more light oil also comes in response to Pemex's need to find long-term low-interest financing, the spokesman said. The oil company's foreign debt now stands at \$16 billion, according to offi-

The spokesman said Pemex expected Mexico's recent 30 percent peso devaluation would induce American border town consumers to cross the frontier to again huy unleaded gasoline.

U.S. motorists were discouraged from buy-ing petrol in Mexico when the government raised the price of the unleaded fuel to the equivalent of S1.60 a gallon in December.

#### U.S. urged to curb alien investment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) - Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal; a New York Democrat, asked Tuesday that Congress give the U.S. government power to prohibit foreign investments in the United States particularly where the investment is by a government entity in a sensitive sector of the .S. economy.

He said he would soon introduce the necessary legislation. Rosenthal criticized what he called a \$2.5 billion sale to the government of Kuwait of the Santa Fe International Corp., a California firm.

"Are U.S. national interests served by allowing a major oil exporter to control a firm that has been developing a substitute for crude oil?" he asked. He also complained that a subsidiary of Santa Fe, C.F. Braun and Co., is an important engineering firm which has been doing work for the U.S. government on nuclear weapons plants.

Marc E. Leland. assistant secretary of the treasury for international affairs, said a mer-

ger between the Kuwait Petroleum Corp. And Santa Fe was one of two cases reviewed last year by the U.S. government's committee on foreign investment in the United States. In a prepared statement he said the committee had "determined that the proposed transactions would not have major negative implications for U.S. national interests."

He noted that the U.S. Department of Energy already has power "to isolate Braun and the government of Kuwait and to protect sensitive information and technology.

Leland argued that U.S. direct investment abroad amounted to \$213 billion at the end of 1980, compared with \$65 billion worth of foreign investment in the United States.

"Thus," he said, "the United States has a strong interest in maintaining an open investment policy both bere and abroad." Rosenthal and Leland were witnesses at a Hearing before the subcommittee on international economic policy of the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs. .

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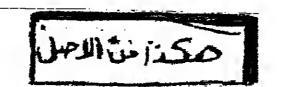
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For new economic order

# Third World seeks N-S parley

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (AFP) — The New Delhi conference of developing countries Wednesday decided to call for the urgent convening of a global round of negotiations between rich and poor nations to hammer out

a new international economic order. The 44-nation conference, due to end later Wednesday urged that the principle of a global round be immediately accepted by the industrialized North as envisaged by the 1980 United Nations General Assembly resolu-

Delegates from 17 Asian, 14 African and 13 Latin American nations ariending the three-day conference said they also felt that the procedure, time-table and other matters connected with the global round should be worked out by appropriate bodies such as the United Nations or its affiliated agencies, according to conference sources.

The resolution, arrived at after prolonged discussions in the committee on North-South issues, underlined the developing South's opposition to the convening of any preliminary round as championed by some of the

The resolution also insisted that the dem-

## **Budget panel** chief quits Reagan ranks

WASHINGTON, Feh. 24 (AP) — The Republican chairman of the Senate Budget Committee declared Tuesday that President Ronald Reagan's hig-deficit U.S. government hudget "threatens to crush any hope of economic recovery" and proposed an alternative that would trim Pentagon outlays and boost some

In the sharpest defection from Reagan to date hy a Republican leader, Senator Pete V. Domenici also raised the possibility of delaying completion of Reagan's hasic, three-year income tax cuts, and suggested the elimination of a year's cost-of-living increases for benefit progr-

Domenici unveiled his counterproposals after he and other senior Repuhlicans met with Reagan at the White House. He said their chief executive had shown no interest, however, in scaling back or delaying the three-year, 25-

percent reduction in income taxes. Domenici said that the deficit in Reagan's hudget"threatens to crush any hope of economic recovery," adding that a stal-emate between the White House and Congress "could push us to the brink of a serious and prolonged recession in America."

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in the Bretton Wood regulations affecting the lending facilities of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Work Bank should on no account be watered down. The findings of the New Delhi consultations, which tackled broadly the twin agenda items of relations between rich and poor nations and cooperation among developing countries are to be suhmined to the developing Group of 77 in New York for further study and approval.

The sources said a consensus on the global negotiations could not be reached as planned during the two days of debates due to lack of flexibility on the part of some of the participants. As a result committee deliberations had to be extended until late Tuesday night and again Wednesday morning before the resolution could be thrashed out for approval by the full plenary Wednesday evening, the sources

On South-South cooperation, the conference called for "greater commitment" at the political level for promotion of economic cooperation among developing nations and recommended the establishment of a "high level" national euthority in each country for

It also stressed the need for concrete and urgent implementation of the agreed programs and decisions for cooperation among developing countries, such as the Havana non-aligned declaration and the Caracas program, according to a draft summary of the chairman circuleted among delegates.

Meanwhile e senior Iranian official here

proposed the setting up of a new international organization by developing countries to promote technical, economic and commercial cooperation. Muhammad Reza Adeli, director-general in charge of economic affairs at the Iranian Foreign Ministry, told reporters that such an organization would help to develop and harmonize policies.

India found support for its proposal to set up multilateral finance to help Third World countries get access to higher technology and undertake development projects. A conference spokesman said the idea would be pursued further through diplomatic channels. Tanzania suggested setting up a permanent body to be called "South-South commission" for all aspects of cooperation between devel-

Petroleum prices between now and the end

of the century will "be cheracterized by peri-

ods of relative stability or even weakness such

as we have now, followed hy periods of more

Oil demand, which fell 4 percent last year,

will decline hy "a smaller" amount this year,

Kauffmann said, before increasing at as much

as a 2 percent annual rate in 1983. Most of

the increase in demand will come from the

developing countries, including members of

the Organization of Petroleum Exporting

Total energy consumption would grow

about 60 percent by the end of the century.

hut by then coal would rival oil as the largest

single source of primary energy, supplying

some 30 percent of demand, Kauffmann told

Exxon expects natural gas demand to grow

at about the same rate as total energy dem-

and, less than three percent per year. He said

the company expects a gradual increase in

world oil supplies in the rest of the century, to

about 68 million barrels daily, or at about 5.5

In spite of exploration activity and slower

growth in demand, however, Exxon expects

oil consumption over the next 20 years to

million barrels more than in 1980.

drop of 1.5 percent from 1980.

rapid increase," Kauffmann said.

Countries, he added.

# U.S. oil output records rise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) - Domestic crude oil production in the United States increased and imports of crude continued to decline in January 1982, the American Petroleum Inatitute (API) reported Tuesday.

Domestic crude production was 1.9 percent greater this year than in January 1981, API said. Production in January 1982 rose 162.00 barrels per day over January of the previous year with almost 100,000 barrels per day of that contributed by increased production in Alaska. The Kuparuk Field in Alaska which began production in Mid-December, accounted for 80,000 barrels per

Production in the lower 4g states was up some 60,000 harrels per day as compared with January a year ago. Had the trend of the 1970s continued, the API said Crude production in the lower 48 states would have been about 50,000 barrels per day lower. Total oil imports amounted to 5,372,000 harrels per day in January - a decline of 22.1 percent from the year-earlier level. The current level of oil imports is about the same as in the early 1970s. The API said gasoline retail prices when adjusted for inflation, have declined 11 percent or about 15 cents per gallon since March 1981.

In another development, Exxon Corp. president Howard C. Kauffman said Tuesday in New York, the drop in world oil demand that is pushing prices down will end this year as economic recovery takes hold in the industrialized nations.

Clifton C. Garvin Jr., Exxon's chairman, told analysts the company expects improved carnings for 1982 despite a sluggish U.S. economy and the unlikelihood that oil prices

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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

#### U.K. banks trim interest rates slightly

LONDON. Feb. 24 (R) — British banks Wednesday lowered interest rates by a half percentage point on the heels of similar cans in U.S. rates earlier this week.

Major hanks, led by Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster, said they were reduc-ing their hase lending rete from 14 to 13½ percent. The move, which should set a nationwide pattern, will mean similar changes in retes paid on mortgages and other deposits.

The announcement sent the pound sterling down on foreign exchange markets and some dealers said that the Bank of England may have intervened to keep it from falling furt-

The pound dipped below \$1.83 in brisk trading, a loss in value of about three cents this week. On Monday, major U.S. banks cut their prime lending rate, the interest rate they charge their best corporate customers, from 17 to 161/2 percent. Other rates have fallen sharply. But U.S. Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker told Congress Tuesday that one week's decline should not be taken as a signal for permanently lower rates.

#### Mitterrand talks will rise. Exxon, the United States' largest oil with Reagan set company, earned \$5.57 hillion last year, a

PARIS, Feb. 24 (R) — French President François Mitterrand will meet President Reagan in the first half of May for preliminary talks on the annual seven-natioo economic summit to be held at Versailles on June 4-6, Elysee presidential spokesman Michel Vauzelle has said.

The venue and exact date for the Mitterrand-Reagao meeting will be fixed later, he said. President Mitterrand will pay an official visit to Japan in mid-April when he will discuss the summit with Japanese-Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

Suzuki, who first met Mitterrand in Paris last June, will attend the Versailles summit. which groups the heads of state and governments of the United States, Canada, West Germany, Japan, Britain, Italy and France. Vauzelle also announced that Mitterrand would hold talks with West German Chancellor Helmidt Schmidt in Hamburg on May 14

Vauzelle told reporters that the two days of talks would have a "friendly and personal character "and would return Schmidt's visit to Mitterrand's country cottage in Latche in south west France last October,

The two leaders, who hold talks regularly under the 1963 Franco-German friendship treaty, meet Thursday in Paris:

#### continue to exceed discoveries. Kuwait banks' profits hit new high

KUWAIT, Feb. 24 (AP) - Kuwaiti Banks and investment companies achieved record profits in the year ending Dec. 31, 1981, despite the Iran-Iraq war, global recession and international monetary fluctuations, according to the annual reports of a number of banks, financial institutions and investment

The Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East (BKME) realized a net profit of about \$16 million, a figure involving a 31 percent improvement over the bank's performance in 1980, a board report said Wednesday. BKME assets increased by 35 percent meanwhile, to the equivalent of \$2.6 hillion dol-

On the other hand, the Kuwait Investment Company (KIC) said it realized a distributable profit of about \$24.5 million in 1981. The grouped budget of the company, one of Kuwait's key investment institutions, shot to 1,031 million dollars compared to \$805 million in 1980, an increase of 28 percent, KIC's board report said.

Another leading investment company, the Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC) said it achieved profits of \$23.5 million, a 31 percent increase over 1980. A factor contributing to the profit figures is the absence of taxes on Kuwaiti husiness.

Iranian interference," the radin said. It said

the Iranians now wanted to place a ceiling on

the amount of investments made for the proj-

ect and wanted long-term arrangements with

the Japanese for the transfer of petrochemi-

cal technology after the project is completed.

The comments were made as a third round

The radio said a visiting Japanese delega-

tion included executives from the Mitsui firm.

It said the talks, held behind closed doors,

will go on until the beginning of next week.

it will not pour more money into the stalled

project and that Iran would have to cover addi-

tional expenses the project may encounter.

London commodities

The Mitsui group last summer warned Iran

of talks began bere between the Japanese and

their Iranian partners.

#### Iran warns Japan to finish project ese could do what they wanted, without any

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (AP) — Iran served a warning to Japan Wednesday to finish a joint petrochemical plant in southero Iran and said it would complete the project "with the belp of other countries" if Japan was unwilling to fulfill its obligations, Tehran radio reported.

Quoting unnamed officials at the Iranian ministry of oil, the radio said, "if Jepan is not convinced (to finish the project) it means that it is engaging in political games. Then we will roll up our sleeves and do the work with the help of other countries." ft did not name the

Work on a joint Iranian-Japanese \$3.2 hillion petrochemical plant stopped in Bandar Kbomeini, southero Iran, soon after the revolutionary regime of Ayatolla Khomeini came to power in February 1979.

Since the start of the war with neighboring Iraq 17 months ago, the plant has been the target of Iraqi air attacks, worrying the Japanese about the safety of their technicians in Bandar Khomemi on the shores of the Arahian Gulf.

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3 months	339.50
Zinc cash	438.75
3 mouths	444.50
Aluminium cash	577.00
3 months	598.50
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3 months	3115.00
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#### Pinancial Rounday

#### Dollar tastes mixed fortune

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feh. 24 - The U.S. currency had a mixed day on the European bourses Wednesday, with Eurodollar deposit rates remaining unsettled. In New York on Tuesday night, Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates fell hack further to 12 ½ percent from 12 4 percent levels, but dollar deposit rates remained snrprisingly firm despite the above Fed fund decline and the announced reduction of prime lending rate to 16 1/2 percent by some large U.S. commercial

In Europe next day, dollar deposit rates were less stable as European dealers began wondering if further prime rate cuts were in the offing. The reason for the dollar rate stability in New York partly stemmed from Federal Reserve Board Chairman Volcker's statement to the effect that the money markets should not over react to last week's fall in U.S. money supply figures and that the "Fed" was still committed to a tightmonetary policy.

In the hullion markets, gold and silver made some recovery, hut gold prices were still depressed at \$365 levels by midway in Zurich. In the local markets, riyal deposit rates had also another mixed day with rates rising and the falling within a narrow ¼ to ½ percent range band. Trading was thin and cautious and the preferred tenors were in the overeight to week-fixed periods. The later is now quoted at 11 1/2 - 12 percent compared with 14 1/2 -15 percent less than

In the European bourses, Eurodollar deposit rates eased to take the one-month dollar to 14 1/2 - 14 1/8 percent compared with opening levels of 14 11/16 - 14 13/16 percent in the day. The longer periods rem-

ained steadier with the one-year deposit quoted at 15 1/16 - 15 3/16 percent. The movement in dollar deposit rates affected the value of the American currency on the exchange markets with the exception of the French franc and British pound. The former was still weak at 6.0200 levels, while the pound was under pressure due to oil price weaknesses and traded at 1.8230 at one

stage in London. fn other currency news, the German mark beld its ground at 2.3580, while the Swiss franc was similarly stable at 1.8770. The yen was also stable after its recent sharp falls which took it from 230.00 levels to 240.00 on Wednesday the yen traded at 234.60.

In the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates flucruated between 3.4198-09 levels, hut with few actual deals struck. The Bahraini-based OBU's - offshore booking units - reported some initial huying interest for the dollar at 3.4205 levels, but this died down by late afternoon as the dollar weakened in Europe. In the money markets, riyal rates were generally mixed and closed the trading day on a lower note. One-month JIBOR bid-offer rate was quoted at 12 % - 13 % percent, but later fell hack to 12 1/2 - 13 percent. While the week-fixed funds were reported at 11 1/2 -12 1/2 percent, but later fell back to 11 1/2 -12 percent in the longer tenors, the yearfixed fell to 13 - 13 1/2 percent from 13 1/8 — 13 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per

Hong Kong	365.53
Zurich	364.50
Frankfurt	362.99
Paris	362.21
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#### OECD to discuss job issue

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AFP) - Labot and social affairs ministers of the 24 countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) will be meeting here next week for two-day talks on ways to fight unemployment, OECD said Wednesday.

OECD has forecast a further steady rise in unemployment in member countries this year, especially in Western Europe. The year-end total could reach 28.5 million or eight percent of the labor force, including, 16.5 million or 10 percent in Europe.

The March 4-5 parley, seen by observers as part of the run-up to next May's annual OECD ministerial conference and the economic summit of the hig seven industrial powers scheduled for early June at Versailles near Paris, will be chaired by Dutch Deputy Premier Joop Den Uyl.

Participants will include U.S. Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan, his French colleague Jean Auroux, Australia's Employment and Youth Affairs Minister N. A. Brown and Swedish Labor and Energy Minister Ingmar Eliassen, who will all act as vice chairmen of the conference, as well as ministers from virt-

ually all other OECD countries. Observers noted that last May's change of government in France strengthened the

and economic costs of mounting unemploy-ment require priority treatment of this prob-Some major countries, including the United States and Britain, still see inflation as the key problem facing Western economies. OECD said the ministers would look at two

group of OECD countries, especially in Wes-

tern Europe, which considers that the social

main topics: how to increase employment and reduce unemployment in the short term, and how to promote a dynamic and adaptable labor market responsive to structural change. Issues up for discussion will include the scope for joh creation in the short term, such factors as training, "positive" use of unempl-

oyment compensation, redistribution of working time as well as special measures for youth women and the long-term jobless. .
The talks, to be preceded by consultations

with employers and trade unions, will also touch on the interactions between social policy, economic trends and the labor markets.

TOKYO, (R) - Japan's electronics industry said Wednesday it would not reduce production of semiconductors or restrict exports to the U.S. where it has been criticized for penetrating the market. The Japan Electronic Industries Association said Japan had about 70 percent of the present U.S. market for the - 64k ram, the latest computer memory device.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - The Soviet Union has bought another 450,000 tons of grain from the U.S. for delivery on Sept. 30, the Agriculture department said. Since last Sept. 30 the Soviet Union has thus ordered around 11,900,000 tons. The United States has told the USSR that it can huy up to 23 million tons in the year 1981-82.

LONDON, (AFP) - The Western world's primary aluminium output in January was the lowest in five years, the International Primary Aluminium Institute said. The figure was 948,000 metric tons, two percent down on December and 12 percent down on a year earlier. The higgest drop occurred in east Asia, where ootput was 45,000 tons or nearly 50 percent lower than a year carlier. WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Orders for durable goods in the United States were 1.5 percent down in January after December's 0.2 percent decline, the Commerce Department said. The drop occurred despite a 24 percent rise in military orders. The total figure was \$78,500 million and the military

figure \$7,500 million, which was a record.

ZURICH, (AFP) — Quebec province of Canada is raising 100 million Swiss francs (\$50 million) in Switzerland, the Union de Banques Suisses (UBS) said here. The net aum from the 1982-1992 issue will go toward the Quebee consolidated revenue fund for general use.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French car-maker Renault announced here Wednesday that it would increase the prices of its range of cars by an average 3.7 percent from March 1. In November last year, it put up its prices by an average 4.2 percent.

Renault's example is likely to be followed by Peugeot-Talbot early in March, as well

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#### Against a modest Northern Ireland opposition

# England fails to impress despite big victory

LONDON, Feb. 24. (Agencies) - England, one of six seeded nations in the World Cup finals in Spain this summer, did little to enhance its claims to be ranked among soccer's elite when it labored to a 4-0 win over Northern Ireland in the British Championship Tuesday.

The winning margin was certainly flattering, two of its goals coming in the last six minutes. They had the boost of a goal in only 47 seconds by Bryan Rohson but went on to make desperately hard work of beating a side boasting only three regular English First Division players.

The Irish, who will also be carrying the British flag in Spain, were, at best, modest opposition. But only when Cyrille Regis appcared on the scene midway through the second-half did England begin to stretch its suspect defense. The muscular Regis, making his first international appearance at senior level, played with some of the commitment which was noticeably tacking in most of his teammates.

With his first touch of the hall - a header from skipper Kevin Keegan's cross - he brought a flying save from the veteran Pat Jennings in the Irish goal and a few minutes later he was denied his 20th goal of the season by a timely deflection by fullback Sammy

While England manager Ron Greenwood

will at least be pleased to see his side score a few goals - it had managed only two in its previous six matches — his counterpart Billy

Bingham will not sleep easy in his bed. The Irish, who meet Spain. Yugoslavia and Honduras in Group Five. lacked the spirit which carried them to the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958. The midfield skills of skipper Martin O'Neal and darting runs by Sammy Mellroy, which troubled a slow moving England defense, were all he had to savor on a hitterly cold night.

England's opening goal before an Irishman had touched the ball was the only highlight of an appalling first-half which produced only three shots on larget. Robson turned the ball home from close in after Trevor Francis had outpaced two defenders.

England manager Ron Greenwood, who made nine changes from the side which beat Hungary in November to clinch England's World Cup place, experimented further by playing Wilkins as a Continental-style tibero' between the central defenders. The move paid off handsomely, adding a new dimension to England's play and confusing the Irish forwards.

A crowd of 59,900 had hardly taken their places for the match — the first in this season's British domestic championship --- when Robson opened England's account. turning in a superh cross from England's hest forward

Ircland's huild-up was controlled and well-planned but invariably broke down on the edge of England's penalty area. The visitors appealed in vain for a penalty after 2t minutes when England goalkceper Ray Clemence collided with Billy Hamilton and England went in at half-time leading by a single

Just as the crowd was beginning to show its frustration at England's failure to add to its early success. Kevin Keegan scored a second gual. Alain from a Trevor Francis cross, the England captain rose above defender Chris Nicholl - who mistimed his jump - to head the ball firmly past Pat Jennings.

With the cushion of a two-goal lead. England took off Francis, who appeared to be injured, and replaced him with striker Cyrille Regis. while winger Tony Morley was substituted by Tony Woodcock. Northern Ireland. in a bid to get back in the match, threw on winger Terry Cochrane and David McCreery, who plays for North American league side Tulsa Roughnecks.

Wilkins, relishing his new role, crowned a magnificent performance when he hlasted in a shot off the shoulder of Sammy Nelson and then Glenn Hoddle side-footed the fourth-England's soccer international win against

Northern Ireland, was cheered by team manager Ron Greenwood and by the sportswriters, but there was caution whether the result is any real indicator of England's chances in the World Cup in June.

England played in European-Continental style formation, with a back sweeper, and there were nine changes from the last side which beat Hungary at Wembley in November. England is grouped with France. Czechoslovakia and Kuwait in the World Cup finals opening stage in Spain next summer.

Greenwood told reporters that mistakes in the first-half were corrected after the interval and he reckoned that his experiments worked. He said of the sweeper system; "It has advantages. Half of the players think it is a defensive system. It isn't, it's nothing to do with a defensive system. It gives you an attacking option — it's to do with people gening forward in forward positions.

Donald Saunders in the Daily Telegraph said the game "scarcely suggested that Northern Ireland will be a force in Spain next summer." and suggested that England's hesitations after the quick first goal were due to inexperience in playing the new formation.

Stuart Jones wrote in The Times that while the sweeper experiment was a success. "Greenwood gained little else with which to shape his World Cup campaign." The Guardian 's David Lacey said the match "did little 10 further the discussion concerning England's hopes of World Cup success. .:



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#### Bucks' winning streak Knicks halt

NEW YORK, Fch. 24 (AP) — The New York Knicks have been 100 preoccupied with their own problems to be concerned with other teams' winning streaks.

But they beat Milwaukee 113-110 Tuesday night, the Bucks' first loss in 13 games. Mike Newlin, with 23 points, led the Knicks. who are in last place in the Atlantic Division with a 25-31 record. The Knicks also beat Houston Sunday for only the Rockets' second loss in 12 games.

The Knicks, despite their record, are one game behind Atlanta, which would have the final spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs if they started Tuesday.

Michael Ray Richardson scored 15 points. had 12 rebounds and 12 assists for the Knicks. He also put in seven points and made two steats in the final 2:43 to almost singlehandedly lead New York down the stretch. In addition to Newlin's 23 points Maurice Lucas had 21 and Sly Williams 18 for New York. Marques Johnson scored 22 and Monerief 18

Philadelphia 76ers 115, San Diego Clippers 10t: Philadelphia kept its 10-game winning streak alive by bearing San Diego. Julius Erving led six 76ers in double figures with 34 points, including nine in the first period when Philadelphia took control of the game by outscoring the Clippers 32-14. The 76ers now have a 40-14 record, best in the league.

Los Angeles Lakers 145. Denver Nuggets 129: Jamaal Wilkes scored 31 points as Los Angeles posted its highest point total of the season in its victory over Denver. The Lakers led 42-23 after the first period, and the Nuggets never got closer than 12 points thereaf-

San Antonio Spurs 143, Golden State Warriors 123: George Gervin scored 35 points and San Antonio overcame 50 free throw attempts by Golden State to beat the Warriors. The Spurs never led by fewer than 10 in the second-half after taking a 78-67 lead at intermission. World Free had 25 points for Golden State.

Houston Rockets 105. Dallas Mavericks 95: Moses Malone had 34 points and pulled down 21 rebounds and Elvin Hayes added 28 points as Houston beat Dallas. Spurs at the end of the first two quarters helped the Rockets take a 50-45 half-time lead. They scored the final six points of the first period and hlanked the Mavericks 10-0 just before halftime. Jay Vincent led Dallas with 23 points.

Chicago Bnlls 123, Portland Trail Blazers 122: Reggie Theus scored 28 points, while

Artis Gilmore added 24 and an important defensive play in the final seconds to keep Chicago ahead of Portland. Mychal Thompson, who led the Trail Blazers with 22 points. hit a three-point play with 36 seconds remaining to make the score 123-122. After an offensive foul by the Bulls, Thompson drove the haseline with seven seconds left, but Gilmore knocked the ball out of bounds. A lastsecond shot by Boh Gross missed.

Utah Jazz 113. Washington Bullets 106: Adrian Dantley scored 39 points as Utah ended a four-game losing streak by beating Washington for the first time in the last 15 tries. Dantley had 14 points in the third quarter, rallying Utah to an 86-83 lead after the Jazz had blown a 13-point second-quarter advantage. Frank Johnson was the leading scorer for the Bullets with 27 points.

Atlanta Hawks 103, Kansas City Kings 94; Eddie Johnson scored 27 points to lead Atlanta to its fifth straight victory after eight losses in-a-row. Kansas City outscored the Hawks 19-6 at the beginning of the fourth quarter to take an 87-85 lead with 6:03 on a Reggie Johnson tip-in. The Kings still led 88-87 with 5:23 to go. hut Atlanta responded with a 16-6 streak the rest of the way, including five points in-a-row by Tom McMillen, who scored 22 overall,

#### Yorkshire may sack **Boycott**

SHEFFIELD, England, Feb. 24 (AP) - Geoff Boycott, the controversial England opening hatsman, might have played his last match for his County cricket cluh

The Yorkshire comminee, which meets March 7, has been recommended not to renew his contract when it expires in September. If such a recommendation were accepted. Boycott - who has made more Test runs than any cricketer in historywould be unlikely to stay with his home

The recommendation has been made by a special subcommittee looking into the future of cricket in the County. The other recommendations are that Yorkshire team manager Ray Illingworth should be asked to leave, or both men should be sacked, or the two should try to settle their differences. It is understood that the majority of the comminee helieve Boycott

#### of Platint's goal, stepped up its guard. PARIS, Feh. 24 (AP) - For the first time

in six decades. France defeated Italy in soccer Tuesday night with a 2-0 victory at a sold-out friendly match in Paris' Parc De Princes Stad-

Midfielder Michel Platini, captain of the French leam, opened the scoring in 19th minute of play to give the French a 1-0 halftime margin. Forward Daniel Bravo grahbed the second goal in the g3rd minute.

The match was seen as a crucial warmup contest for this summer's World Cup Soccer Tournament in Spain. France will be competing in Group Four in Madrid, along with England, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait, and will have at least four more warmup games before facing England in a first-round test June 16.

Italy, competing in Group One with Poland, Peru and Cameroon, has about a half-dozen unofficial matches before meeting Poland June 14. In the match Tuesday night, France quickly showed its strength on the field with Platini and fellow midfielder Jean Tigana dominating the ball in the opening minutes of play.

Their efforts paid off in the 19th when Tigana shot the ball 10 Platini, who then kicked it 18 meters (59 feet) just inside the left goalpost past Italian goalie Dino Zoff. The French increased their pressure in the following minutes, but the Italian defense, mindful

Grand Prix tournaments he enters this year.

This includes Wimbledon, which be has won

Despite the increased Italian effort. France

nearly scored again in the 39th minute when a shot by midfielder Alain Giresse just grazed the outside of the goalpost. The French went into the second-half with a 1-0 lead. It was much of the same scenario in the second half with France dominating the ball and few counter attacks by the Italians.

At the beginning of the second-half, the Italians sent in goalie Bordon to replace 40-year-old Zoff, who was making nearly his 100th appearance as an Italian international

The French replaced back Gerard Javion

with Battiston in the 45th minute, forward Bernard Lacombe with Dominique Rocheteau in the 64th and forward Didier Six with Bravo in the 76th. Seven minutes after he entered the game, the 19-year-old Bravo scored France's sec-

the French victory. It was the first time in 62 years that France had beat an Italian national team. The last French win was on Aug. 29, 1920 - when French president François Mitterrand was

ond goal on a pass from Rochetean to secure

The last time the two countries faced each other was during the 1978 World Cup eliminations when Italy emerged victorious 2-1.

#### Portisch forced to a tieby Braga

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 24 (AP) - Hungary's Lajos Portisch and Lev Polugaievsky of the Soviet Union drew their 12th round games in the Magistral IV International Chess Tournament Tuesday and remained tied for second place only two points behind leader Jan Timman of Holland.

Portisch drew his game against Argentina's Fernando Braga, while Polugaievsky did tbe same in his match with Ulf Andersson of Sweden. The one half point boosted their totals to seven each in the 13-round \$25,000 tournament.

Timman, with a total of nine points, and Yasser Seirawan of the United States suspended their game. The tournament schedule calls for all suspended games to be played Wednesday. Players will rest Thursday with the 13th and final round set for Friday.

In other 12th round action games matching Miguel Najdorf of Argentina and Bent Larsen of Benmark world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Zenon Franco of Paraguay, and Carlos Garcia Palermo of Argentina and Miguel Quinteros of Argentina were suspended.

#### Plethora of tennis tourneys ends battle for players' loyalties likely to get the support of the players' union, the Association of Tennis Professionals LONDON, Feb. 24 (R) — Tennis may have to learn to live with the rivalry between

the Grand Prix circuit and the privatelyowned World Championship Tennis (WCI). This is the view of Davie Gray, secretary of

the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Grand Prix Council, who at first predicted a hattle for the loyalty of the players. Now be thinks there is enough demand for tennis to support both circuits. In an interview at Wimbledon he said il was

unlikely the more lucrative WCT tournaments would lure players away from the Grand Prix. "The top players have got so much prize money they can piek and choose al will," he said. "There are all sorts of reasons that make a player play in a particular tournament...his great uncle Fred might live there, or be loves playing on clay and hates playing on cement."

Despite hreaking away, the Dallas-based WCT will not try to compete with the Grand Prix's hig three events - Wimhledon, the French Open and the U.S. Open - and will use results from those tournaments to compile its own rankings list.

Gray suggested the Grand Prix was more

(ATP), because it has more tournaments employing more players. WCT tournaments are limited to 16 or 32 entrants.

WCT broke away from the Grand Prix last year following four years of co-operation. Explanations for the split vary. Owen Williams, WCT's executive director, said recently some Grand Prix tournaments were "blatanily breaking the rules."

He was referring to the way some tournaments guarantee payments to leading players irrespective of the prize money. Other tennis officials say the practice is so difficult to trace that WCT probably has the same problem. "We have been trying to track our own people who have been paying guarantees for a long time," said David Gray.

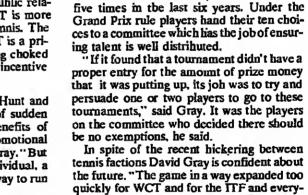
"If I hand you \$20,000 in a sealed bag that might be a guarantee...it's almost untraceahle. While you have a star system with a few big stars who rule the world and 20 or 30 other players whom everybody wants to see, somebody somewhere is going to try to use a few extra sweeteners."

Grand Prix officials have blamed the split on the decision of Lamar Hunt, who owns WCT, to set up a player agency. They fear this might lead to a conflict of interest and tbey say WCT's commercial aims could restrict tournament organizers.

WCT's European director of public relations, Patrick Deuchar, says WCT is more split "was inevitable because WCT is a private enterprise and felt it was being choked by the Grand Prix...the profit is the incentive to do things better."

ITF officials admit that Lamar Hunt and WCT helped tennis in a period of sudden expansion but they doubt the benefits of commercial aims. "He brought promotional expertise from other sports," said Gray." But some people felt that a private individual, a private company, wasn't the right way to run a world game."

Gray said the demand that players enter at least ten Grand Prix tournaments as well as "Grand Slam" events was not an attempt to secure their loyalty in the face of WCT temptation." The Grand Prix has had a rule of this kind for years...at one point it was up to as many as 15 tournaments to qualify for the honus pool and the Masters."



the future. "The game in a way expanded too quickly for WCT and for the ITF and everybody. It just took off," be said. He is delighted that tennis is into the Olympic Games because be hopes it will encourage governments 10 spend more money on tennis facilit-

"We're in at Seoul in 'gg. We'll be a demonstration sport in '84...tennis has become a

LONDON, Feh. 24 (AP) - Manchester

United, beaten only once at home this sea-

son, meets rival Manchester City Saturday in

a local derby that could have a big influence on the English First Division championship

United, held to a goalless draw by Arsenal

last week, currently lies second in the stand-

ings, four points behind leader Southampton

but with two matches in hand. Manchester

City is seventh, eight points in arrears, and

defeat Saturday could end John Bond's t-

Robson, whose first Manchester derby was

the 0-0 draw at Maine Road last October,

already has written off city's chairmanship

challenge, hut says his United teammates

Leader Southampton, which has won 12 of

its 14 home matches and is boosted by the

consistent goalscoring of Kevin Keegan and

Steve Moran, entertains struggling Birming-

ham City, which will be playing its first game

won't be under-rating their neighbors.

England international midfielder Bryan

eam's interest in the title race.

#### Chumpitaz named Peru captain Bjorn Borg, who wants a rest and will only commit himself to seven, has decided to go through the qualifying rounds for all the

LIMA, Feb. 24 (R) — Peru's World Soccer Cup team will be led by Hector Chumpitaz, captain since 1969, whose heel injury in December caused doubts about his selection cha-

Peru's national soccer coach Tim Tuesday named a 27-strong squad which will travel to Spain for the finals starting in June. The party must be reduced to 22 by June 4. The selection includes six players with foreign teams: Cueto and La Rosa play for Colombian clubs, Percy Rojas and Oblitas are with Belgian sides, Barbadillo plays in Mexico and Cuhillas is in a U.S. team.

The squad resume training Wednesday for its warm-up matches against Argentina, Brazil and Chile next month. PERU'S SQUAD OF 27 IS:

Goalkeepers: Quiroga, Acazuzo, Ganoza. Defenders: Chumpitaz, Diaz, Roberto Rojas, Gutierrez, Arizaga, Gastulo, Salguero, Dua-

Midfield: Cubillas, Uribe, Velasquez, Cueto, Reyna, Oleacea, Leguia, Malasquez. Forwards: Barbadillo, La Rosa, Oblitas, Percy Rojas, Caballero, Castillo, Navarro,

#### Clerc opts out of Argentine Davis Cup team was tired and wanted to rest with his family."

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 24 (AP) — The Argentine Tennis Association Tuesday named five players to represent the country in opening round Davis Cup play against France and said top-ranked Jose-Luis Clerc has refused to participate. The Argentine preliminary team consists

of the country's second-ranked player Guillermo Vilas, Ricardo Cano, Alejandro Ganzabal, Carlos Castellan and Fernando Dalla Fontana. The five players named Tuesday must be

reduced to a final team of four by Thursday, 10 days before Argentina meets France on March 5-7 at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club. Association Administrative Secretary Eduardo Ocampo said that Clerc, vacationing in neighboring Chile, had told Argentine team captain Carlos Junquet that he would

not play.
"Clere told Junquet that he was holding firm on his decision not to play in the Davis Cup because on one hand he wanted to meet other tennis commitments and on the other

#### King, Hoyte favored to claim sprint events

· LONDON, Feh. 24 (AFP) - Sprinters Harry King and Wendy Hoyte could be surprise medal winners in Britain's team for the European Indoor Athletics Championships in Milan March 6-7.

King has been the find of the indoor season and was possibly rohbed of a national record against West Germany last weekend due to a breakdown in the electronic timing equip-

. Wendy Hoyte has won a hat-trick of British Indoor sprint titles and this season has been only just outside her best of 7.26 secs.

The 24-year-old will be hidding to make it a British sprint double in Italy.

Ocampo said. Janquet had flown to Chile in a special effort to convince Clerc. Italians fare poorly

Meanwhile, play in the \$300,000 Wct Bitti Bergamo Memorial Tennis Tournament has made Italian tennis prospects as hleak as the weather along the Riviera where snow fell Wednesday.

The Italian Davis Cup team, which plays Britain next week in Rome, intended to use the tournament as preparation. But Adriano Panatta, Italy's No. 1 player and principal crowd pleaser, withdrew from the tournament elaiming illness.
Then Italy's No. 2 player, Corrado Barazz-

utti, encountered a qualifier, Fabio Moscino. also of Italy. Anxious to finish quickly, Barazzutti got reckless against the 20-year-old player and lost the first set, 3-6, as the spindly qualifier rushed the net and killed point after point with his volleys. Still shaky in the second set, Barazzutti survived half a dozen break points and hung on to win 6-3. He then

CALCUTTA, India (AP) - China defeated Italy 1-0 hy scoring in the second-half of their Jawaharlal Nehru International Gold Cup Soccer Tournament match here Wednesday. The sole goal was scored by

China's captain, Chi Shang-Bin. KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Iran won the second Pakistan International Soccer Tournament Wednesday with 11 points as Pakistan seniors and Oman played a scorless tie in the last match of the Tournament. Pakistan juniors placed second with eight points. Iran had whipped Bangladesh 9-0 in

Tuesday's tie. NEW YORK, (AP) - Gary Lupul scored for Vancouver at 13:15 of the second period, just 59 seconds after Jim Peplinski's shorthanded goal had put Calgary in front, and the Canucks and Flames played to a 2-2 tie in the National Hockey League Tuesday

won the third set 6-1.

In another match, Vijay Amritraj of India leading his country's challenge in Davis Cup, brushed aside Italy's Paoto Bertolucci 6-2, 6-2. In the last match of the night, unlike his Italian opponents of next week, Buster Mottram of Britain had little trouble with Trey Walthe of the United States winning 6-3, 6-3.

In other actions of the night, Mike Cahill beat fellow American Rick Meyer 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, Ross Case of Australia got past German Uli Pinner 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, Hungarian Balazs Taroczy bested Ecuadoran 6-2, 6-4, while Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia beat Italian

Pfister upset

Fritz Buehning caused the first upset of the Motterrey Grand Prix Tennis Tournament when he beat eighth-seeded Hank Pfister 7-5, 6-2 in a first-round match Tuesday night. Australian John Alexander dropped just four games in his 6-0, 6-4 win over compatriot Lloyd Bourne in another first round tie. while two marches went the full distance

Jose-Luis Clerc...wants tn rest

night. In another action, Detroit Red wings But according to radio reports doctors have beat Colorado Rockies 6-3.

ROME, (AFP) - Swiss-based Russian exile Viktor Korchnoi, recent loser to Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union in the World Chess Championship final, stayed in the lead of the International Chess Championship here Tuesday after scoring a fourth-round victory over Bela Soos of West Germany, Korchnoi has so far dropped only half a point in the event. Hungary's

Jozsef Pinter is lying second on three points. SAO PAULO, (AFP) - Doctors are now hopeful that they can save the right leg of Brazil's triple-jump world record-holder Joao Carlos. Earlier reports indicated that Carlos, who was hadly hurt in a car crash would have to have his right leg amputated.

been encouraged by latest tests.

MADRID, (AFP) — Real Madrid qualified for the European Basketball Winners Cup final Tuesday when it defeated Sinudyne Bologna of Italy 107-94. The Spaniards led 79-78 at half-time.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain's flyweight

Charlie Magri maybe given a title bout against World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Antonio Avelar of Mexico if be does well in his contest here next week against another Mexican Cypriano Arreola. British promoter Mickey Duff is reported to have offered Avelar a \$250,000 purse to defend his crown against the London boxer. Magri spoiled a chance of boxing for the world title last September when he was unexpectedly knocked out by yet another Mexican — Antonio Diaz.

CAMPOBASSO. Italy (AFP) - Britain's Ray Cathouse, 29, is a favorite to win the European lightweight crown when he fights Italian title-holder Joe Gibilisco bere Wednesday. Beaten in only the first of his 28 pro fights to date, Cathouse has looked sharp and confident in training.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, (AFP) - American golfer Johnny Miller. who earned another \$32,000 when he was runner-up in the Los Angeles Open at the weekend, tops the PGA prizemoney stakes. Miller has so far pocketed \$102,227 this season. His compatriot Craig Stadler (97,236) is in second place in the standings and another American, Wayne Levi (74,645) is third.

City, United in decisive clash

under new manager Ron Saunders. Birmingham has not won away for 16 months but Saunders is certain to demand an improvement in attitude, which often has let the team down this season. Arsenal, derided after a series of fumbingly dull performances host fellow championship contenders Swansea City and will be looking to improve on a

record of 10 goals in 12 home matches.

Ipswich, fifth in the standings but with games in hand, is away to a Wolverhampton Wanders team that has lost 11 of its last 12 matches, while Liverpool, now back in contention, is away to physical leeds United.

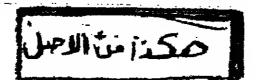
Tottenham, still in the hunt for four trophies, faces a tricky looking trip to in-form Stoke while West Bromwich travels to Brighton. The rest of the Frist Division program pits Aston Villa against Coventry, Sunderland against Notts County, Everton against West Ham and Nottingham Forest against Middleshrough.

Samaranch to tour Far East in March

TOKYO, Feh. 24 (AFP) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch will begin a 17-day tour of the Far East. Beginning with North Korea on March 29, it was learned here Wednesday.

Samaranch, a former Spanish ambassador to the Soviet Union, will then visit China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea before winding up his tour in Japan on April 13, according to his itinerary made known at a general meeting of the

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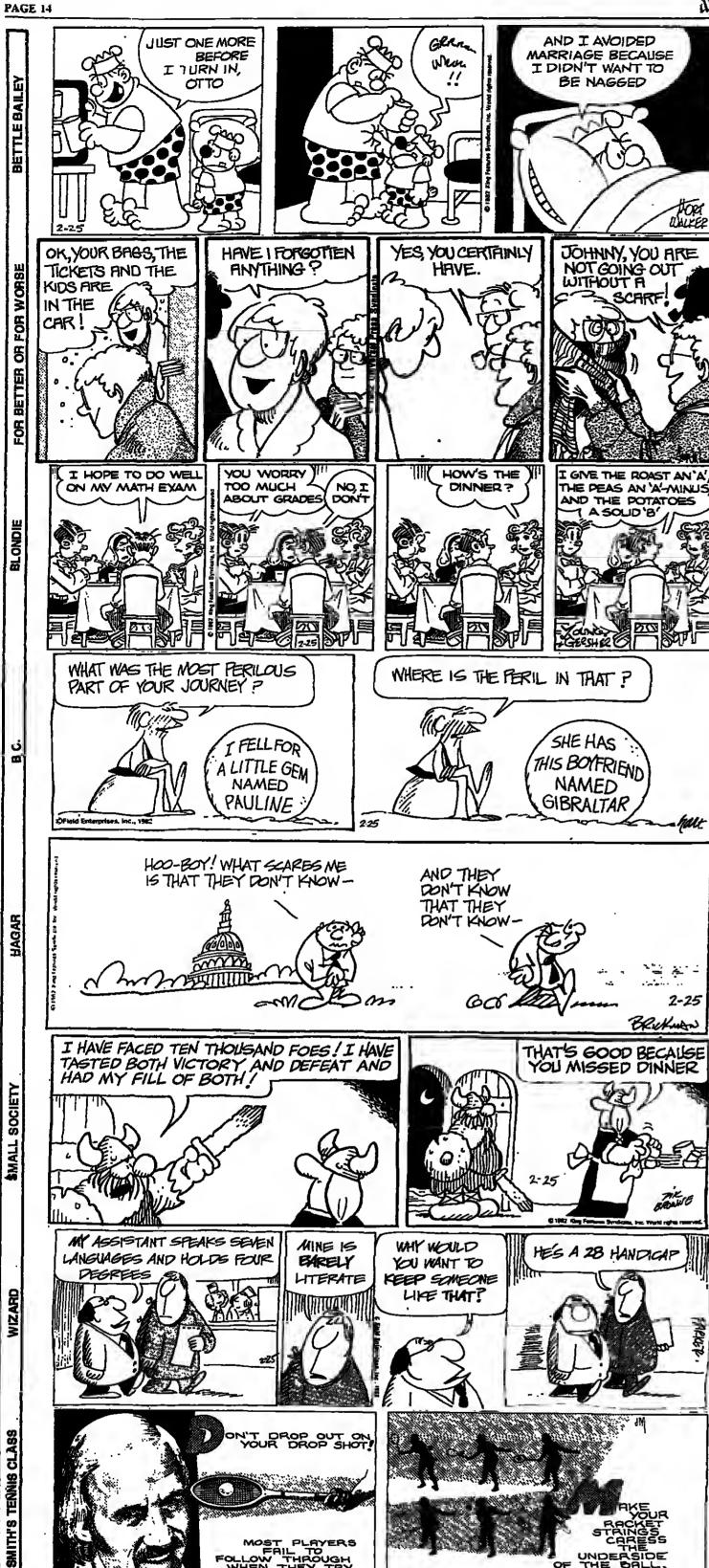
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Competitors have sneaky tactics, but your good will brings you career benefits. Use careful judgment regarding loans, credit and investments.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do further research before committing yourself about a financial matter. Others may promise more than they can deliver.

CEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You could be careless with health or diet. Don't overlook important job details. Evening promises good times with friends.

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Romantic trends are favorable, but gambling or speculation could cause

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losses. Be alert for an exciting new career development. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) 2 Confusion reigns in one

unexpectedly you may meet someone new. Last-minute invitations are pleasant. VIRGO 助局 (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

The sweet word and the kind gesture will mean a lot to a loved one. Exercising faulty judgment could mar your late evening hours. LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll get more accomplished at home than in your normal working environment. Close ties have pleasant surprises, but watch spending. SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Sincerity and the expression of loving sentiments will help von surmount romantic difficulties. There'll be new chances to improve income. (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) SAGITTARIUS

A difficult relative will be appeased with a gift or some expression of thoughtfulness. Romance is exciting, but avoid careless speech.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Financial problems are possible now, so it's a poor time to loan money to a friend. Home activities are favored in the evening. **AQUARTUS** 

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Watch out for ill-conceived career plans. Be skeptical of risky schemes. Impromptu meetings are fortunate, but use care with money. PISCES

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#### Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH **Q** 10 8 5 4 74 OK832 **◆**KJ8

WEST EAST ♥KQJ987 ♥A 1062 ♦97 **◇J65 4**7

SOUTH ♥53 OAQ 10 4 ♣A Q 10 6 5 4 3

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two); at the other table it was five hearts doubled played by West (down three). Presumably the reason for missing the slam was that at all six tables, after South opened with either one or two clubs, West bid hearts and North bid spades. This led

South to believe that his partner had spade values rather than diamond and club values. and to that extent it discouraged South from going on in clubs. North was also somewhat deterred because it was next to impossible for him to know that South was void of spades.

The defense functioned perfectly at the table where West got to five hearts doubled. North led the king of clubs, on which South played his queen! North read this startling play as a signal for him to shift to the higher-ranking suit as between spades and

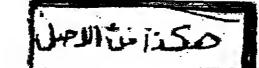
diamonds. Accordingly, North led a spade at trick two. South ruffed and played the ace and another diamond to North's king. North led another spade at trick five, ruffed by South, and declarer then took the rest of the tricks.

It was not a big loss for the Italian East-West pair - they went down 800 while their North-South teammates bid five clubs and made six for a score of 620 points. Even so, the Italians lost 180 points on the deal.



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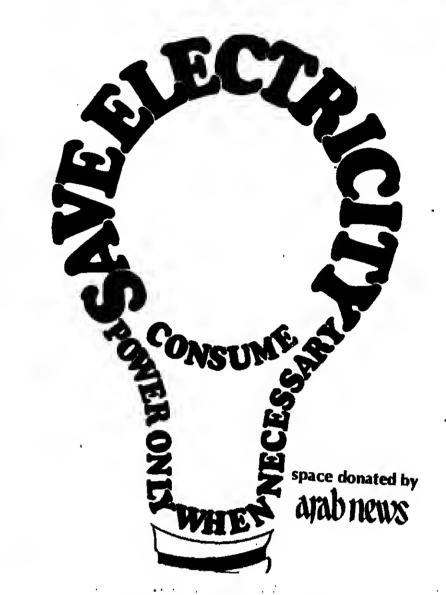
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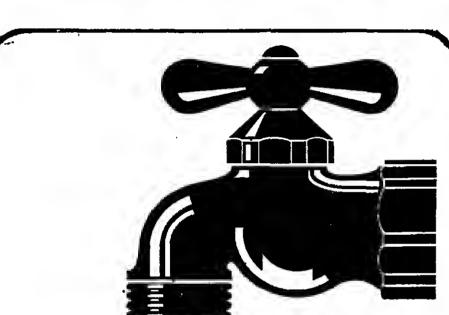


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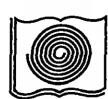


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Reagan ready to protect area's security

# U.S. unveils Caribbean development plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan unveiled his longawaited plan for Caribbean hasin development Wednesday, coupling it with a warning that the United States is prepared 10 do "whatever is prudent and necessary" to protect its security interests in the area.

In a speech to the Organization of American States, Reagan outlined an integrated program of trade, aid and investment for the Caribbean-Central American region, which he said is under "economic siege" because of deteriorating terms of trade.

The economic hardships "have provided a fresh opening to the enemies of freedom, national independence and peaceful development," he said.

in defense of freedrom, "new Cubas will arise from the ruins of today's conflicts," Reagan said in his prepared remarks.

"We will face more totalitarian regimes, more regimes fied militarily to the Soviet Union, more regimes exporting subversion. more regimes so incompetent yet so totalitarian that their citizens' only hope becomes that of one day migrating to other American nations as in recent years they have come to the United States," he said.

Reagan denounced the "Soviet-hacked. Cuhan-managed support for violent revolution in Central America" and said he will ask Congress for increased security assistance for friendly countries of the area.

He also noted that the Rio Treaty of the Organization of American States provides for reciprocal defense responsibilites. Until now, the administration has shied away from utilizing OAS mechanisms for hringing peace to Central America.

Discussing his development plan. Reagan said it will be centered on his proposal for free trade for Caribbean products exported to the United States. He suggested these products be accorded duty-free status for a 12-year period as an inducement for investment in the

The only exception to the free trade concept will be textile and apparel products because these are governed by other international

The president also proposed a 1982 fiscal

year appropriation of \$350 million to assist countries which have been hard hit economically. Officials have said the funds would be concentrated on six countries suffering short-term halance of payments problems: El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Belize, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic.

He also said he will ask Congress to provide significant tax incentives for investment in the Caribhean hasin. In addition, he said the United States is prepared to negotiate hilateral investment treaties with individual coun-

Reagan added that technical assistance and training will he offered to help the private sector in Caribbean basin countries. He said the United States will continue to coordinate its efforts with those of three other aid donor countries: Mexico, Canada and Venezuela.

Although Reagan was vague on how he plans to meet perceived security threats in the region, his speech was marked by tough rhetoric against Cuha and its allies.

"A new kind of colonialism stalks the world today and threatens our independence.

tions," he said.

include the establishment or restoration of moderate, constitutional governments with economic growth and improved living standards; or, further expansion of political violence from the extreme left and the extreme

are refugees from Communist systems. Already, more than a million Cubans alone have

#### Paris summit concerned over interest rates

PARIS, Feh. 24 (Agencies) — France and West Germany Wednesday agreed that high world interest rates are a major source of concern, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said here after a first round of summit talks with French President François Mitterrand.

After private talks lasting two hours, Chancellor Schmidt said subjects discussed included international problems and particularly East-West relations. Poland, security policies, and the world economy.

The leaders of France and West Germany hope they can develop a united front on high U.S. interest rates and crisis in the European Common Market. The damaging effect high U.S interest rates have had on European economies and the future of the troubled European Common Market will be the focus of the two-day summi meeting.

"We need as hroad as possible bope, complete - unity against the economic and currency policies of the United States." Miterrand said in an interview on German television on the eve of the 39th Franco-West German summit. Schmidt echoed his sentiments.

Concerning the 10-nation Common Market crisis, the two leaders want to find similar ground in dealing with what they perceive as Britain's failure to compromise on its financial contributions.

French otherals believe the two deadlocked issues have gravely threatened the future of the Common Market and prevented reforms aimed at making the organization a more effective guardian of Westem European interests.

#### Marcos raps minister

MANILA, Feh. 24 (AFP) - President Marcos dressed down his Islamic affairs minister Wednesday for talking too much about his forthcoming visit to Saudi Arahia, which has not yet been formally announced, an official report said.

"Any speculation on the meeting of the president with any personality in Saudi Arahia is offensive to the government of the Philippines," an official statement said. Islamic Affairs Minister Romulo Espaidon had told foreign correspondents Tuesday that a meeting between President Marcos and the Middle East-hased chairman of the southern Philippine Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) was "a possibility."

"As of now, there is no formal plan to visit Saudi Arabia or to meet with any rebel leader," Marcos said Wednesday. The presidential palace had announced Monday that a visit

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It is hrutal and totalizarian. It is not of our hemisphere but it threatens our hemisphere and has established footholds on American soil for the expansion of its colonialist ambi-He said the alternatives facing the region

right resulting in the imposition of dictamr-ships and — inevitably — more economic decline and human suffering."

Reagan said the record of Communist regimes has been clear, nowhere in its whole sordid history have the promises of communism been redeemed," he said. "Everywhere it has exploited and aggravated temporary economic suffering to seize power and then to institutionalize economic deprivation and suppress human rights.

"Right now, 6 million people worldwide fled from Communist tyranny.

#### Spain editor's expulsion causes row

MADRID, Feh. 24 (Agencies) — The tense court martial of the alleged leaders of Spain's abortive coup resumed Wednesday as a dispute over a newspaper editor's expulsion from the courtroom raged on in the press.

Spanish newspapers were divided over whether to support Pedro J. Ramirez, editor of the daily Diario 16, whose accreditation was suspended after the 32 officers on trial refused to appear in court in protest against an article published by his paper Tuesday, the troubled first anniversary of the putsch.

Some newspapers criticized the court for ordering Ramirez out, but others called Dia rio 's front-page article irresponsible. It said one of the officers on trial threatened to shoot his soldiers if they refused to follow him into the rebel-held parliament on the night of the coup attempt. The Spanish Press association is meeting later Wednesday to seek restoration of Ramirez's accreditation.

Meanwhile, the only civilian heing tried with 32 right-wing military officers for attempting to overthrow Spain's government denied Wednesday in written testimony that he was involved in the attempted coup.

A deposition from Juan Garcia Carres, a former Franco Union executive for whom the prosecution is asking 10 years imprisonment for military rebellion, said he learned of the coup attempt through radio and television.

Garcia Carres' written testimony came as terrorists believed to be right-wing extremists hlew up a Socialist mayor's car in what police said was an apparent protest against the trial. Police also reported right-wing demonstrations against the trial in Madrid and three other cities.

The car bombing came at almost the moment the Supreme Council of Military Justice, composed of 15 generals and two vice admirals, convened the court martial for its

Three policemen in the town of Alcala de Henares, 35 kms from Madrid, who inspected the automobile seconds before it exploded escaped uninjured. Mayor Carlos Valenzuela was in his office when an anonymous telephone caller told police the car would explode.

The hlast followed two bombings in Madrid Tnesday night, in which no one was injured, and the arrest of nine right-wing youths after clashes with police.

Police also reported right-wing fire bombings in Barcelona and Vigo, where demonstrators threw a Molotov cocktail at the hust of King Juan Carlos, the Spanish head of state credited with putting down the attempt to overthrow the government.

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# Polish party meets amid underground resistance

WARSAW, Feb. 24 (AP) - Poland's divided Communists, seeking to "close ranks" and regain public support, opened their first central committee meeting under martial law Wednesday amid "excess evidence" of stubboro underground resistance.
The party's 200-member central commit-

tee, elected during last July's emergency party congress under pressure for democratization from the now-suspended Solidarity union, convened the long-awaited, two-day sessinn shortly after noon. Official government sources said first secretary Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who is also premier and military council chairman, opened the meeting with a report from the politburo.

The sources said the speech would concentrate on the need for party unity after months of varied and sometimes contradicatory speeches by top officials and produce steps aimed at cementing political policy and economic reform into shape during martial law. As the party's leaders met in central Warsaw, government officials announced more than 200 managers and office administrators had been fired this month under Jaruzelski's ord-

A government spokesman said 203 persons had lost managerial posts in Fehruary, including 60 in state and local administration and 143 industrial executives. Of these, the government report on the Polish news agency PAP said 68 were fired for mcompetence or embezzlement. It said managing chiefs of the Intraco and Torinex foreign trade enterprises were suspended.

Political analysts bere believe that 'many industrial managers, known as the "Nomenklatura," opposed economic reforms that officials have said must be realized now to save Poland from economic collapse. But economic questions were to be pushed back to the next meeting of the plenum, senior Communist officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Poland's ambassador to the European security conference said in Madrid Wedoesday he expects "an important relaxation" of martial law in Poland this week. The ambasssador and head of the Polish deleganon to the 35-nation meeting, Wlodzimierz Konarski, told reporters an easing of the crackdown imposed Dec. 13 could include relaxation of rules on individual rights and economic life. Konarski did not give a firm date. But he said it was hoped that the relaxation of martial law would he effected this week.

In Geneva, Western delegations to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, in a delicately phrased resolution, called Wednesday for U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to conduct "a thorough study of the human rights situation in Poland" and present an interim report hy sprmg. The human rights inquiry, if approved, would be the first by the United Nations in Eastero Europe.

#### Move said afoot to oust Haughey

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feh. 24 (AP) - Former Prime Minister Charles Haughey was fighting for his political life Wednesday amid moves to oust him as leader of Fianna Fail, the biggest party in the Irish Republic, after failing to win a majority in last week's general

He faces a caucus Thursday of Fianna Fail's members in the Dail, or Irish Parliament, where his leadership will be challenged by former Industry Minister Desmond O'Malley, 45.

Fianna Fail won 81 seats in last Thursday's election - two short of a majority - while Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald's Fine Gael-Labor Party coalition took 78 seats. The result was indecisive, leaving the halance of power in the 166-seat Dail with four independents and three members of the Marxist Sinn Fein, the workers party.

Haughey's party critics said 35 of the Fianna Fail deputies will support O'Mailey in Thursday's caucus. Newspaper reports put the figure as high as 40.

# Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

Grave - although by no means conclusive — developments on The Great Washington Love Story (the one in which our neighbor young Karen and ber family are bomharded with extravagant gifts hy her

We left the story at the end of round one, in which all the ardent admirer's gifts failed to move Karen's heart. Well, round two started with him sending several citizens around to her house to stand picket dnty, complete with posters and sloganchanting. The police were there to keep them moving around so that the road is not obstructed. The neighborhood as a whole grit its teeth and waited to see which one will crack first, Karen's stony heart or the purse of the young fellow.

It was the young fellow's purse. He had rashly set up his headquarters in the town's Hilton, and between the gifts, the orcbestra and the picket on one hand, and the hotel bills on the other, his war chest -later estimated at \$40,000 - was soon exhausted. Urgent appeals to his millionaire dad to step in with further funds went unheeded. Soon he had to withdraw the picket adn move to a much cheaper hotel.

This was followed by a most tensionridden lull. ('He's out there planning something? the distraught father of the girl kept saying.) The family decided there and then to move to New York for a time. The family was sure be was going to make a raid of some sort on their daughter's

Their calculations were right. For the bell rang one Sunday and I opened the door to see the almost crying young man, who asked me if I knew where the neighbors have gone. His state was such that I invited him in and offered him coffee. He sat down and hurst into tears. I had told him that they were all in New York, and he used my phone to try to find out where they were staying. It did no good and he soon took his weepy farewell. Ah, young lovers! All this phone calls to

New York. On my phone! Translated from Asharq Al-Awsat

# Botha faces party revolt

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Feb. 24 (AP) The ruling white-minority National Party faced its higgest crisis in 33 years Wednesday, as 22 members of its parliamentary caucus rebelled against Prime Minister P.W. Botha in a fight over his proposals to give a limited political role to non-whites.

The 22 party legislators voted against a motion of confidence in Botha, and the prime minister immediately threatened them with 'disciplinary action" if they refused to consider. His threat was presumably taken to mean expulsion from the party.

The only previous split in the party since it took power 33 years ago in 1969, when four party legislators were thrown ont in a similar fight over moderating the official policy of apartheid.

A grim-faced Botha told reporters outside the caucus room that 100 members voted for him, 22 against and one abstained. Nineteen Nationalist members of parliament were abs-

"I told them that they had until next Wednesday to reconsider, and also undertook to take them back as full members and without rancour," Botha said. "If they do not, the party will exercise the necessary disciplinary

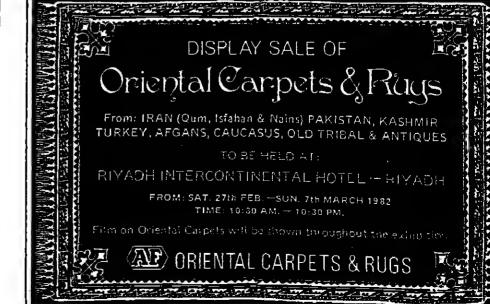
If the 23 rebelling members, including the one who abstained, refused to hack down, it was considered virtually certain they would be expelled from the National Party.

This split between moderate and ultraconservative factions in Botha's party has been an increasing threat since Botha became

prime minister in 1978. The conservatives, led by Transvaal province party leader Andries Treurnicht, object

to any significant change in the policy of apartheid, or racial separation, which has kept the white minority in control of South Africa. The faction led by Boths would like to lift

what it refers to as "hurtful" discrimination. easing at least the superficial aspects of race



# If the United States does not act promptly

agreements, Reagan said.

capability on both sides," said another offi-

Once the proposal is worked out, it will be

submitted to Reagan and his principal

policy-makers" who will have to take the int-

eroational situation into account," one of the

After they give their approval, the propo-

sal will be circulated among the North Atlan-tic Treaty Organization allies, whose defense

is under U.S. nuclear protection. Facing

anti-nuclear pressure themselves, some of

these governments have urged the administ-

ration to push ahead with strategic arms neg-

Clearance by the allies is expected to take

several weeks. While the United States ope-

ned talks with the Soviets last Nov. 30 in

Geneva to limit intermediate-range nuclear

weapons, the administration is reluctant to

work out a strategic arms treaty while Poland

is under martial law and Soviet troops remain

committed to cutting hack long-range bom-

bers and intercontinental missiles on both

sides. But they stressed that the imposition of

martial law in Poland and Soviet occupation

of Afghanistan have hurt "the international

It is understood that Eugene Rostow, dire-

ctor of the Arms Control Agency, discussed

elements of the new proposal recently with

Soviet Amhassador Anatoly F. Dohryin and

medium-range "nuclear means" in talks with

a visiting Western European Socialist delega-

The U.S. government immediately rejec-

ted the proposal, saying it would leave the

Soviets with a major advantage in advanced

SS-20 medium-range missiles already targe-

and officials have become markedly more

bellicose as charges mount here that U.S.

President Ronald Reagan's administration is

The latest warning came from Deputy

Defense Minister Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov

on Soviet televisinn Tnesday, "if imperialist

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Meanwhile, comments from Soviet press

Officials here said Reagan is seriously

New arms treaty proposed

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**Differs from SALT** 

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) - The Reagan administration is two or three weeks away from completing a new proposal for a strategic nuclear weapons treaty with the Soviet Union that reduces both long-range missile and bomber totals as well as their destructive force, administration officials dis-

Depending on events in Poland and elsewhere, President Reagan may be ready to announce the terms hy next summer. "It depends on the international situation," an official told the Associated Press Tuesday, "Poland

Working since last fall with computers and other analysis systems across the range of government, the administration is departing markedly from the approach of the 1972 SALT treaty and the 1974 Vladivostok Agr-

Those agreements set numerical ceilings for various weapons systems. Specifically, totals were set for permissible numbers of bombers and missile launch pads.

The new method might take the lifting power of missile launchers, known as throw-weight," into account, as well as the number of warheads and their accuracy. The last may be the most difficult to calculate since the potential accuracy of a weapon is hard to measure.

The proportions are still to be determined. "A great deal of time has been spent arriving at a more meaningful index of destructive

#### Soviets offer cut in weapons MOSCOW, Feh. 24 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union on Wednesday repeated its Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev first proposed the two-thirds reduction of

proposal for massive cuts in medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe to leave each side with "no more than 300 units" by 1990. A front-page editorial in the Communist Party daily Pravda seemed designed, in part, to encourage Westero European pressure on U.S. negotiators in Geneva to come to an

agreement with the Soviets on East-West missile reductions. Pravda said Soviet negotiators had suggested a "very hig reduction" of medium-range nuclear systems - missiles and aircraft -

during the Geneva talks. "The U.S.S.R. proposes that their current numbers be reduced by three or more times hy 1990. Making a stage-by-stage advance to this goal, it would be possible within the next few years to reduce arsenals of the sides by one-third and then go further," Pravda said.

The goal would be to limit each side to "no more than 300 units of such weapons at the end of the current decade - instead of approximately a thousand units on each side today," Pravda said.

#### Deng hopes Cambodians will unite ram, must operate within the legal status of

PEKING, Feb. 24 (AP) — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping conferred with Khmer Rouge Premier Khieu Samphan Wednesday and expressed hope all anti-Vietnamese forces in Cambodia would unite as soon as possible, China's official Xinhua news agency repor-Xinhua said Deng had a "sincere and frie-

ndly conversation" with Khieu Samphan, who came to Peking for talks with former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk on forming a three-sided coalition to try to drive the Vietnamese out of Cambo-

Sihanouk said Tuesday formation of the coalition is stalled because non-Communist former Cambodian Premier Son Sann refused to join Sihanouk and Khieu Samphan in talks in Peking.

But Xinhua said Deng "spoke highly of the positive results" of talks between Sihanouk and Khieu Samphan on promoting United resistance against the Vietnamese.

The two have agreed that a three-party coalition must have a common political progDemocratic Kampuchea - the name of the Khmer Rouge regime, and must have common rules and present a harmonious front. Sihanouk, however, is unwilling to join a

two-party coalition with old enemies, the Khmer Rouge, for fear it will alienate his Xinhua said Deng praised the Khmer

Rouge for "its correct stand of united resistance against Vietnamese aggression" and expressed hope that all the patriotic forces in Kampuchea would put the national interest above everything else."

It said Khieu Samphan told Deng his group would stick to the position of forming a union of joint resistance and is determined to carry the struggle through to the end together with the other patriotic forces.

Deng also gave a luncheon for Khieu Samphan and memhers of his delegation, Xinhua

It said Foreign Minister Huang Hua and Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong joined in the talks.

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